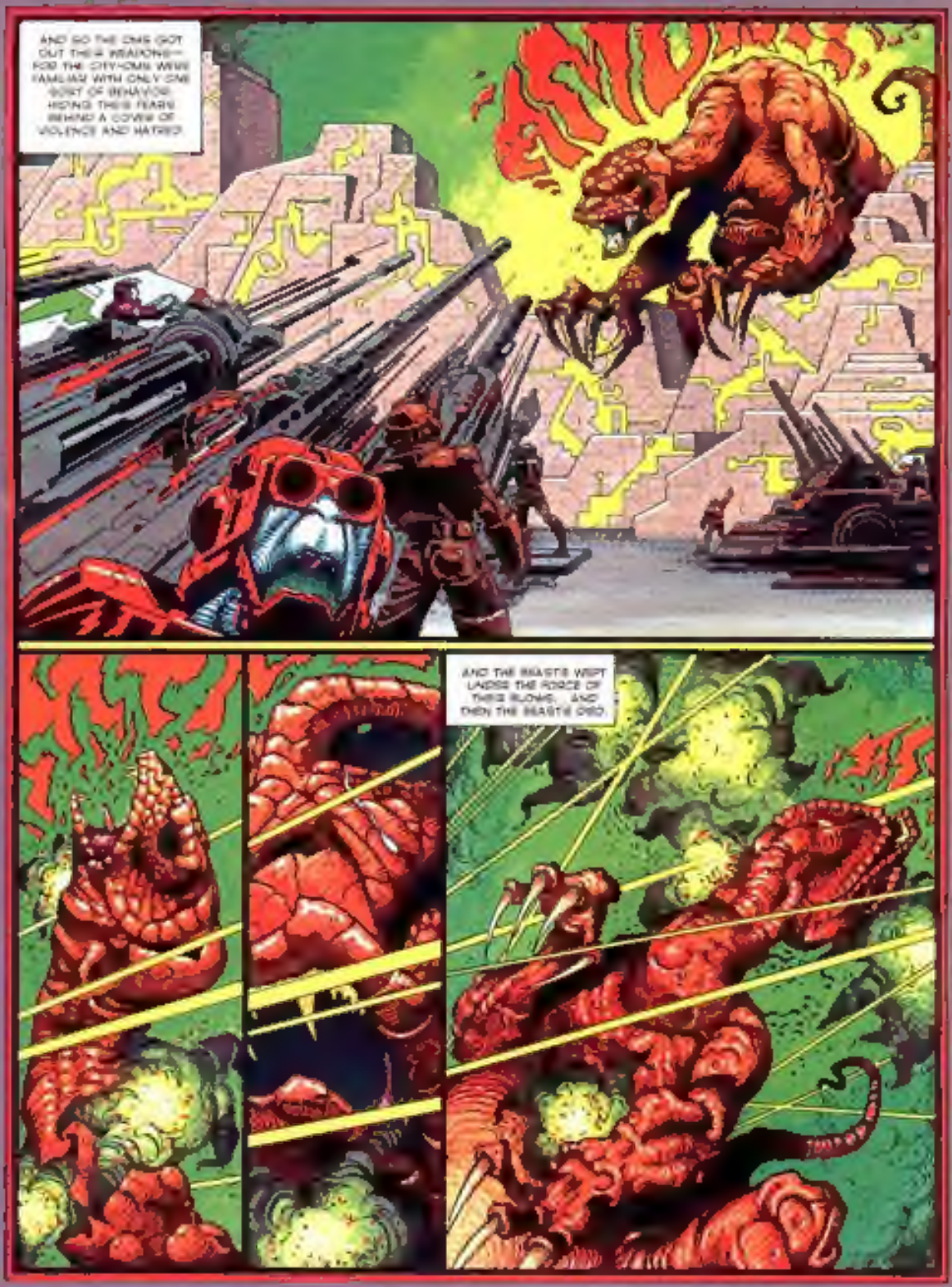
THE BEASTIE BY CAZA

ONE DAY, WHILE DIGGING A WELL, THE MAN WHO LIVED ON THE MOUNTAIN ACCIDENTALLY AWAKENED THE BEASTIE...
...THAT HAD BEEN SLUMBERING FOR CENTURIES IN THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH.
AND SLOWLY THE BEASTIE WOKE.
AWAKE!
BLINDED BY THE BRI...ANCE OF THE LIGHT ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE, THE BEASTIE BEGAN WAILING LIKE A BABY, AS IT SOUGHT FOR A HALF-FORGOTTEN CRY WITHIN ITS OWN THROAT...

IT HESITATED AND SNIFFED THE AIR... THEN, OVERCOME BY A POWERFUL DESIRE, IT SET OUT FOR THE CITY OF THE OWS.
WHEN IT FOUND THE OWS, THE BEASTIE REDISCOVERED ITS PRIMAL SCREAM. IT HOWLED AND CRIED, AND THEN WAS AT PEACE.
AS IT ENTERED THE CITY OF THE OWS, THE BEASTIE CRIED OUT WITH DESIRE.
ITS CRY WAS ONE WORD: "AMOUR!"
AMOUR!
BUT THE BEASTIE'S CRIES WERE TOO LOUD AND ITS DEMANDS WERE TOO VAST, AND THE OWS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THEM. ALL THEY COULD HEAR WAS A LOUD ROAR. FOR ALL THEY COULD UNDERSTAND WAS FEAR
"WHEN MONSTERS SEE A CREATURE THAT IS UNLIKE THEMSELVES, THEY FEEL THAT THEY'VE SEEN A MONSTER."
ROAR!


AND SO THE ONES GOT OUT THEIR WEAPONS— FOR THE CITY-ONES WERE FAMILIAR WITH ONLY ONE SORT OF BEHAVIOR: HIDING THEIR FEARS BEHIND A COVER OF VIOLENCE AND HATRED.
AND THE BEASTS WEPT UNDER THE FORCE OF THESE BLOWS. AND THEN THE BEASTS DIED.

NOW THE BEASTS WAS SILENT.
FREED OF THEIR FEARS, THE VICTORIOUS ONES LAUGHED AND CONGRATULATED THEMSELVES.
AND THEN THEY SET TO WORK TO BUILD STURDY RAMPARTS AROUND THEIR CITY.

FAR AWAY, IN THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THE MAN HAD DUG A WELL, IN THE VERY SPOT WHERE THE BEASTIE HAD SLEPT, A WOMAN WAS HERDING HER FLOCK. BECAUSE HER GOATS WERE THIRSTY, SHE PICKED UP THE SPADE AND BEGAN TO DIG DEEPER.
AND THERE, IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH, SHE FOUND THE AMOUR-EGG.
THE AMOUR-EGG OF THE BEASTIE WHO HAD SLEPT FOR SO LONG IN THE EARTH'S HEART... THE BEAUTY WHO CRIED "AMOUR!"
EVER SINCE THAT DAY, SHE'S BEEN BROODING.

STAR QUEST
THIS IS THE STAR CONQUEST, LIVE! AFTER A SERIES OF QUANTUM JUMPS, THE EXPLORATION FLEET HAS REACHED AND PLANTED THE FLAG OF EARTH ON A PLANET INHABITED BY ANOTHER INTELLIGENT SPECIES...!
YES... ON THIS MOMENTOUS DAY, WE HAVE CONQUERED THE ULTIMATE FRONTIER AND CAN SAY AT LAST: "WE ARE NOT ALONE!" WE HAVE MADE... FIRST CONTACT!
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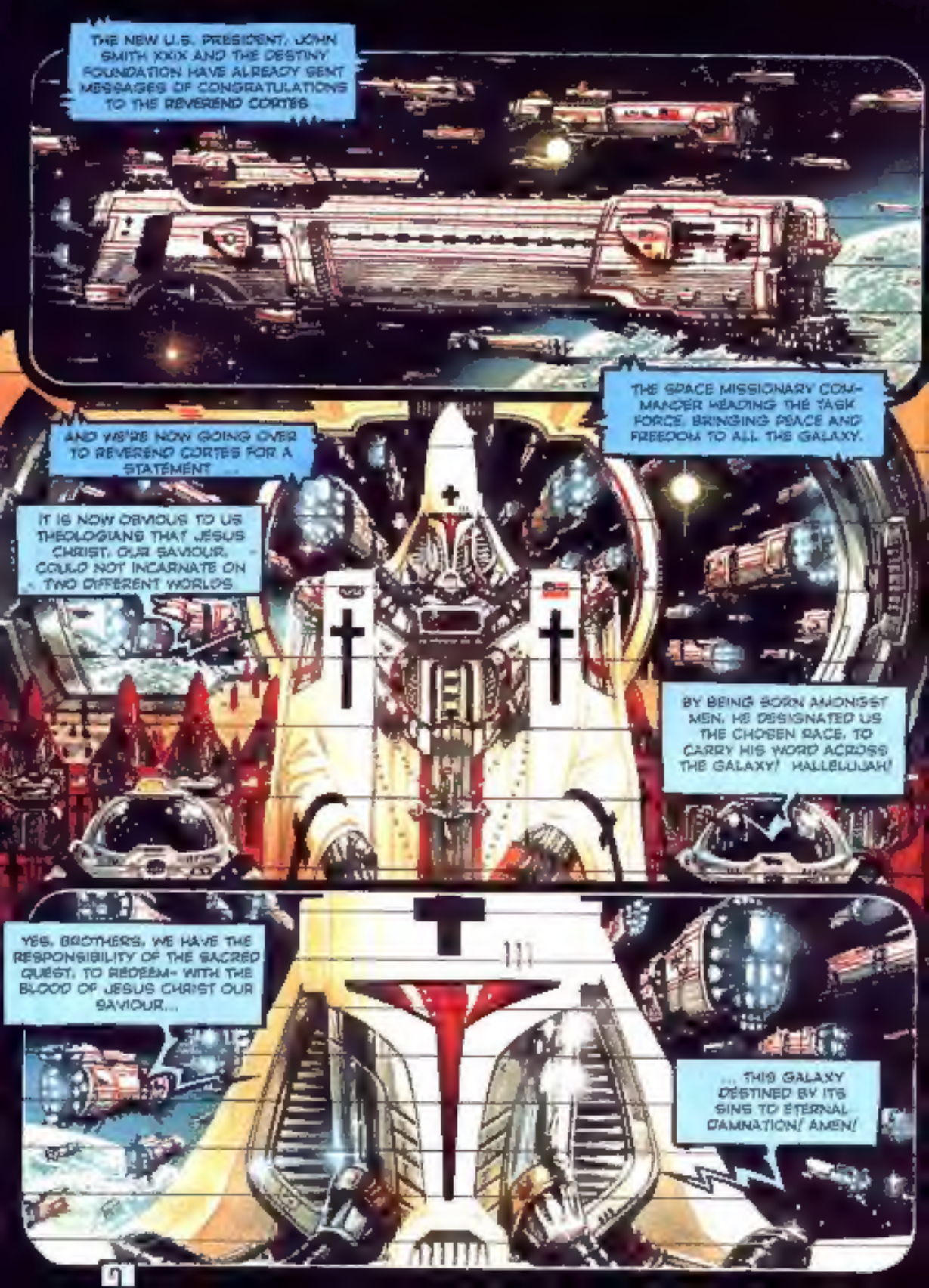
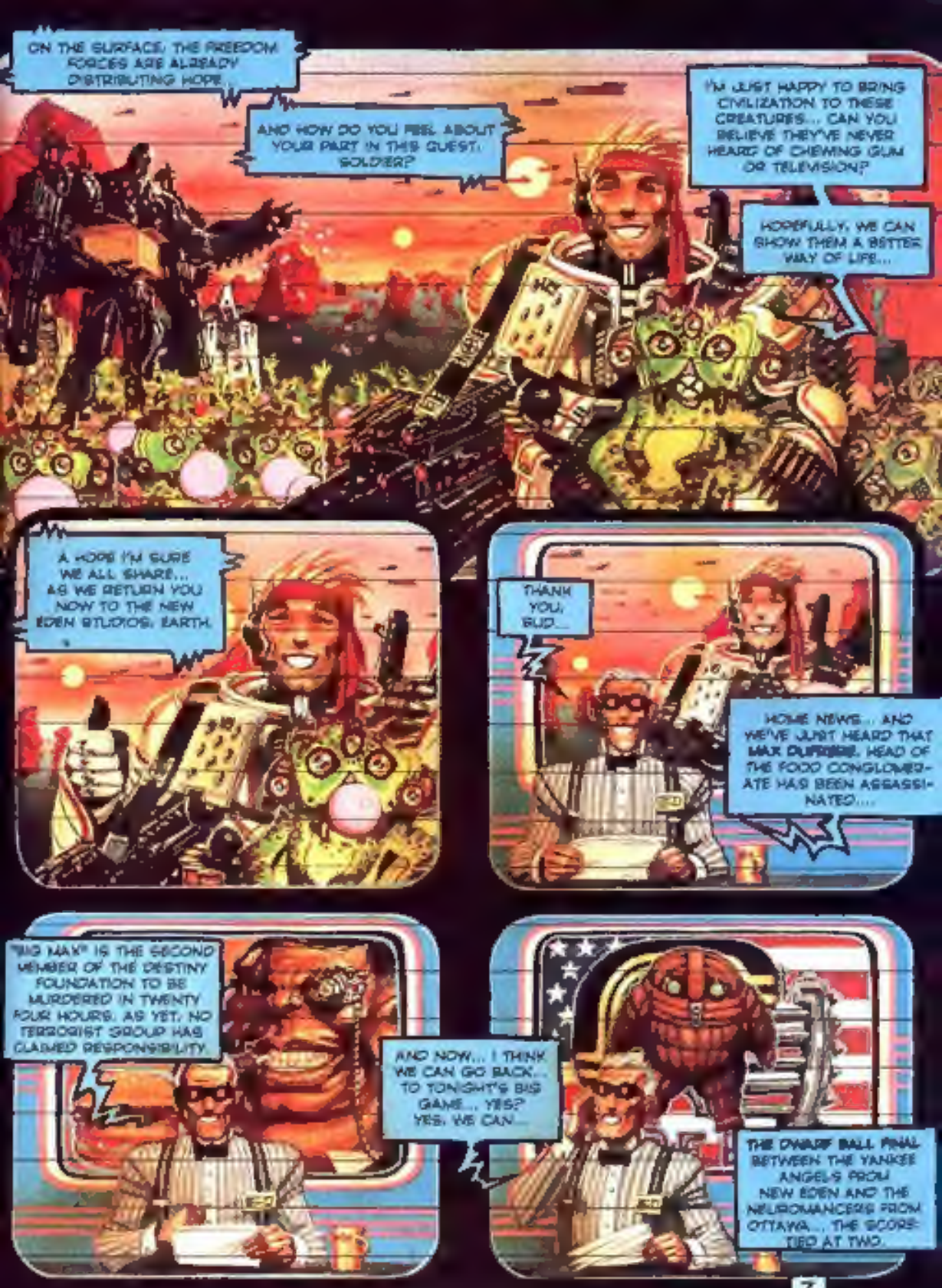
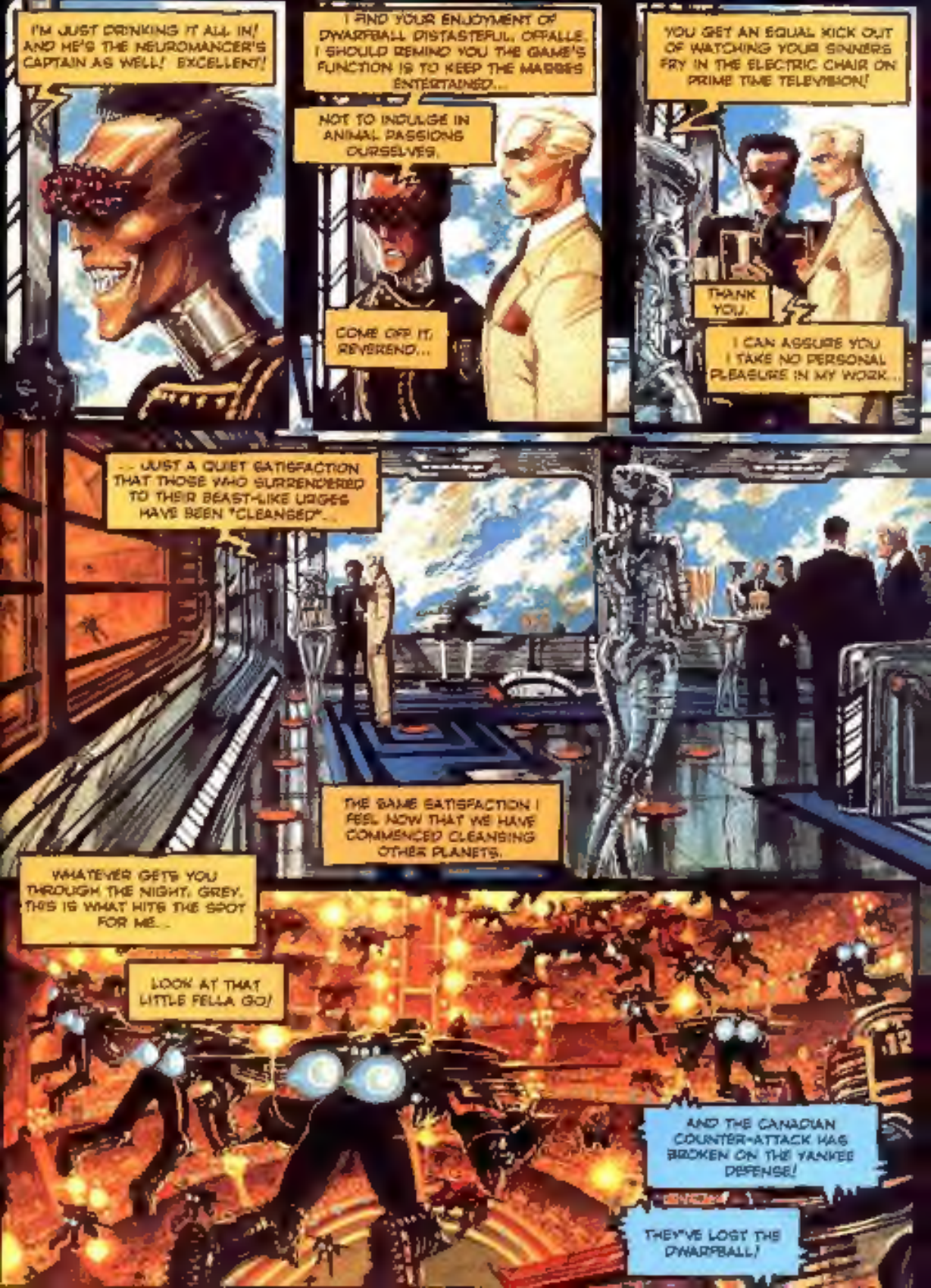

THE NEW U.S. PRESIDENT, JOHN SMITH XXIX AND THE DESTINY FOUNDATION HAVE ALREADY SENT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REVEREND CORTES
AND WE'RE NOW GOING OVER TO REVEREND CORTES FOR A STATEMENT ...
THE SPACE MISSIONARY COMMANDER HEADING THE TASK FORCE, BRINGING PEACE AND FREEDOM TO ALL THE GALAXY.
IT IS NOW OBVIOUS TO US THEOLOGIANS THAT JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR, COULD NOT INCARNATE ON TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS
BY BEING BORN AMONGST MEN, HE DESIGNATED US THE CHOSEN RACE, TO CARRY HIS WORD ACROSS THE GALAXY! HALLELUJAH!
YES, BROTHERS, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SACRED QUEST, TO REDEEM- WITH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR...
... THIS GALAXY DESTINED BY ITS SINS TO ETERNAL DAMNATION! AMEN!


ON THE SURFACE, THE FREEDOM FORCES ARE ALREADY DISTRIBUTING HOPE...
AND HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR PART IN THIS QUEST, SOLDIER?
I'M JUST HAPPY TO BRING CIVILIZATION TO THESE CREATURES... CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY'VE NEVER HEARD OF CHEWING GUM OR TELEVISION?
HOPEFULLY, WE CAN SHOW THEM A BETTER WAY OF LIFE...
A HOPE I'M SURE WE ALL SHARE... AS WE RETURN YOU NOW TO THE NEW EDEN STUDIOS, EARTH.
THANK YOU, BUD...
HOME NEWS... AND WE'VE JUST HEARD THAT MAX DUPREE, HEAD OF THE FOOD CONGLOMERATE HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED....
"BIG MAX" IS THE SECOND MEMBER OF THE DESTINY FOUNDATION TO BE MURDERED IN TWENTY FOUR HOURS. AS YET, NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.
AND NOW... I THINK WE CAN GO BACK... TO TONIGHT'S BIG GAME... YES? YES, WE CAN...
THE DWARF BALL FINAL BETWEEN THE YANKEE ANGELS FROM NEW EDEN AND THE NEUROMANCERS FROM OTTAWA... THE SCORE: TIED AT TWO.

WOW! WHAT A BRILLIANT INTERCEPTION! THE CROWD IS DELIRIOUS. HERE AT YANKEE STADIUM!
JUST LISTEN TO THE ANGEL SUPPORTERS CHANTING, "KILL! KILL!"... AND THEIR RIVALS ROARING BACK, "BASTARDS!"
YES! THE ANGELS ARE GIVING US A FIRST CLASS SHOW TONIGHT... THE CANADIANS ARE GONNA GET SLOWN!
CHAPTER 3
BLOOD AND GAMES
LOOK AT THAT, GREY! ALL HIS TEETH ARE KNOCKED OUT... HIS MOUTH IS OPENING AND CLOSING LIKE A FISH... AND THERE'S SO MUCH GRAVY!
PARDON...?
YOU KNOW- BLOOD! IT'S POURING OUT OF HIM!


I'M JUST DRINKING IT ALL IN! AND HE'S THE NEUROMANCER'S CAPTAIN AS WELL! EXCELLENT!
I FIND YOUR ENJOYMENT OF DWARFBALL DISTASTEFUL, OFFALLE. I SHOULD REMIND YOU THE GAME'S FUNCTION IS TO KEEP THE MASSES ENTERTAINED...
NOT TO INDULGE IN ANIMAL PASSIONS OURSELVES.
COME OFF IT, REVEREND...
YOU GET AN EQUAL KICK OUT OF WATCHING YOUR SINNERS FRY IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR ON PRIME TIME TELEVISION!
THANK YOU.
I CAN ASSURE YOU I TAKE NO PERSONAL PLEASURE IN MY WORK...
-- JUST A QUIET SATISFACTION THAT THOSE WHO SURRENDERED TO THEIR BEAST-LIKE URGES HAVE BEEN "CLEANSED"...
THE SAME SATISFACTION I FEEL NOW THAT WE HAVE COMMENCED CLEANSING OTHER PLANETS.
WHATEVER GETS YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT, GREY. THIS IS WHAT HITS THE SPOT FOR ME...
LOOK AT THAT LITTLE FELLA GO!
AND THE CANADIAN COUNTER-ATTACK HAS BROKEN ON THE YANKEE DEFENSE!
THEY'VE LOST THE DWARFBALL!

THE DWARFBALL HAS LIT HIS AFTERBURNERS
PERHAPS SPALLE IF YOU SPENT MORE TIME ATTENDING TO YOUR DUTIES, OUR COLLEAGUES WOULD NOT HAVE DIED
HE'S TRYING TO MAKE IT TO THE NEUTRAL ZONE
AT THE HANDS OF AN ENTITY FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION
BUT HERE COMES CARLSON, THE CENTRAL SMASHER HE'S SPEEDING TOWARDS HIM
WHO THEN ELUDED CAPTURE OR EXECUTION BY YOUR POLICE FORCES
HE'S GONNA SHOOT YES ?
I TRUST YOU WILL HAVE MORE SUCCESS PROTECTING OUR PRESIDENT WHEN HE BEGINS HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TOMORROW ?
GOAL MAGNIFICENT ACTION FROM NEW EDEN'S TOP GLADIATOR! WHAT A NIGHT!
DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF ON THAT ACCOUNT JOHN SMITH XXIX WILL BE WEARING AN ARMOUR SUIT AT ALL TIMES
THE REFEREE JUST SIGNALED FOR A TIME-OUT A NEW DWARFBALL IS NEEDED!
M RELIEVED TO HEAR IT AFTER ALL HE IS ONLY THE 30TH CLONE OF THE ORIGINAL PRESIDENT
THE PRECIOUS 28 HAVING MET VIOLENT DEATHS YOU WERE ALSO UNABLE TO PREVENT

THEY'RE ALL PUPPETS EXPENDABLE
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT MATTER
WHAT BRINGS US TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS MEETING GENTLEMEN
IF YOU WILL TAKE YOUR PLACES
WE SHALL BEGIN
A WOMEN'S HEALTH PROBLEM REVEREND THE PRICE MUST PAY FOR INCARNATING IN THIS OFFENSIVE FEMALE BODY
IF YOUR ARMY CUT OUR WORK
AND NOW TO BUSINESS GENTLEMEN...

TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDERS OF ADAMS AND CUPPERS
SAPPING THEIR WILL TO REBEL
SPILER WYLER
GOOD LUCK

MOMMY.. DADDY.. BABY
MOMMY DADDY. BABY
MOMMY DADDY. BABY
SHIT

IF A SPIRIT FROM THE PAST MAKES CONTACT, THEIR MESSAGE IS OFTEN FRAGMENTARY CONFUSING OR REPETITIVE..

MOMMY.. DADDY BABY
MOMMY... DADDY BABY..
MOMMY... DADDY BABY...

FOR IT IS THE EMOTIONS THE PAIN THAT CROSSES TIME

DON'T LOOK AND

BUT SOMETIMES, IF THE HURT IS SO BAD, THEN EVEN TIME IS NO LONGER A BARRIER

WHEN THEY BURN A WITCH, DUPPY THEY BURN HER FAMILY AS WELL

MY MOTHER MY FATHER

MY BABY

IT, IT WAS TOO SMALL TO BE TIED TO THE STAKE THE BASTARDS THREW IT ON THE

M MY SOO

WHO ARE
TUFFY
THEY'RE READY FOR YOU NOW
NEVERTHELESS DESPITE BEING ARMED WITH ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE A.S.P.O. YOU ALLOWED THIS ENTITY THIS UNCLEAN HELLHAG TO ESCAPE

I RECOMMEND THAT SHE IS RELIEVED OF HER DUTIES FORTHWITH PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS!
DECISIONS REGARDING MY OFFICERS ARE A MATTER FOR ME ALONE GREY
NOT WHEN IT IMPERILS THE LIVES OF THE REST OF US
I AM CONFIDENT ON HER IMPECCABLE RECORD SHE IS ONE OF MY BEST DETECTIVES
SHE COULDN'T SAVE BIG MAX DESPITE HIS ARMORED CAR
AND MADAME NEGRONNE IS MORE EXPOSED AT THE OPERA
THAT IS A CHANCE I'M PREPARED TO TAKE REVEREND GREY
I FEEL WE SHOULD SHOW LENIENCY
LIEUTENANT DUFFY HAVING CONSIDERED THE EVIDENCE WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO BRING THIS INVESTIGATION TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION
YES MA'AM
HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN YOU MY DEAR
AND TRUST YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT

DUFFY AND VALEO REQUISITION AN OLD UNMARKED TANK
AND MAKE THEIR WA
SO WE'RE ON THE HOOK
AND NOW
BUT WE MUST GET TO THE BOTT OF THESE WEIR VISIONS
ISN'T BE HE'S WORSE
AND STEAL

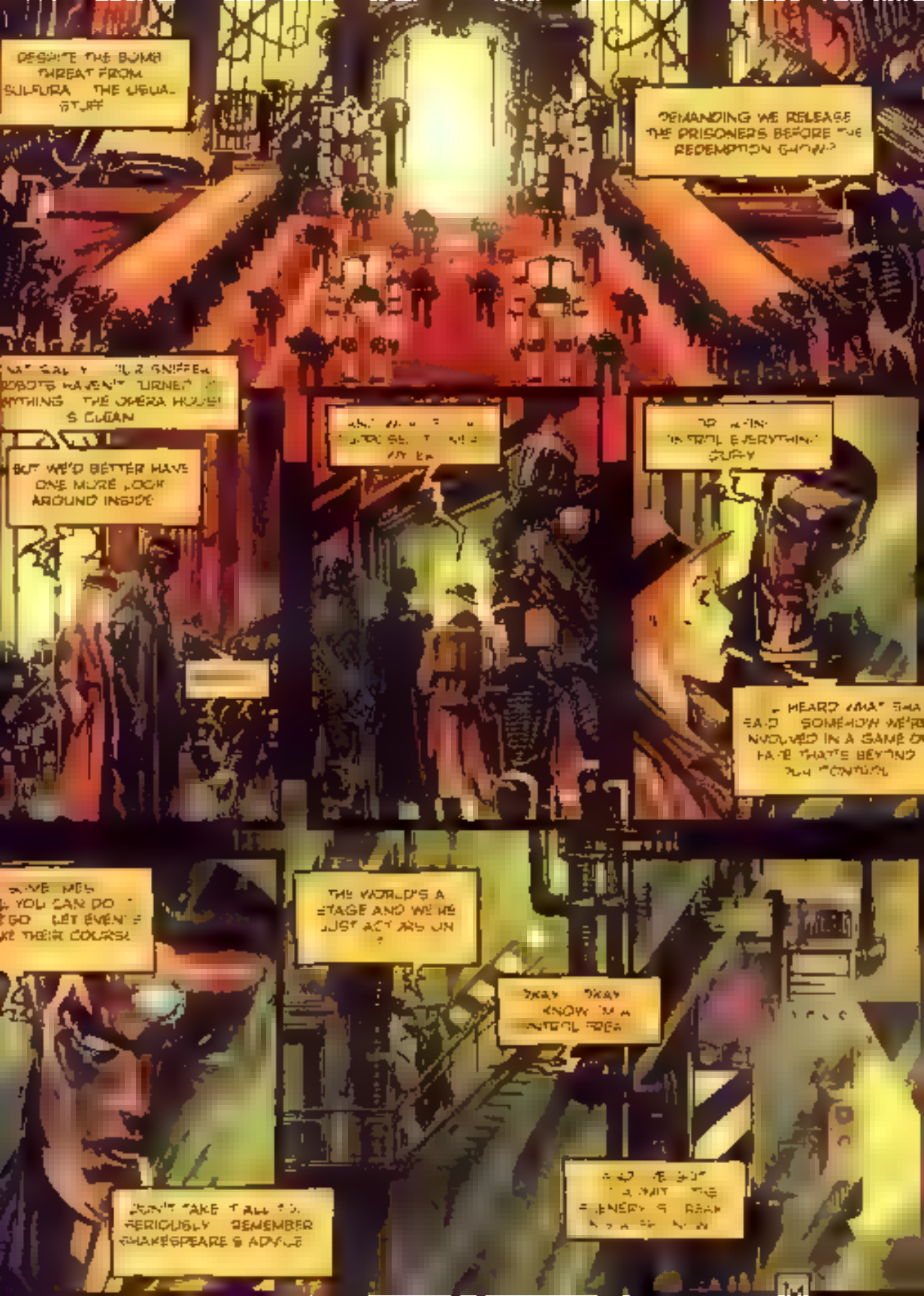
IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK
JUST BREATHE INTO WHATEVER YOU'RE FEELING AND MAKE A SOUND ON
LEFT THE MINIVAN OPEN
AS THE SEARCH FOR THE ARCH SINNER CONTINUES
AND TOMORROW NIGHT MAJAN MESSONNE GIVES A PERFORMANCE TO REMEMBER BEFORE PRES- JOHN SMITH XVIX

ANY-
NOTH-
NG
WAIT A
SOMETHING'S
APPENING
OH GOD
SO MUCH
RAGE SO
MUCH PAIN
A SPEC
TRE?
WHO ARE
YOU?
I AM LARA.. A WITCH...
THEY CUT OFF MY
BREASTS... BURNT
ME.. AND MY FAMILY
I DIED
CURSING
THOSE
RESPON-
SIBLE.
THE
DUKE..
THE
MONK
AND
DOMINIQUE-
MY BEST
FRIEND
WHO
BETRAYED
ME.
B
SHE IS GOING
TO SUFFER
THE MOST
HEY-
YOU OKAY?
THAT WAS
HEAVY

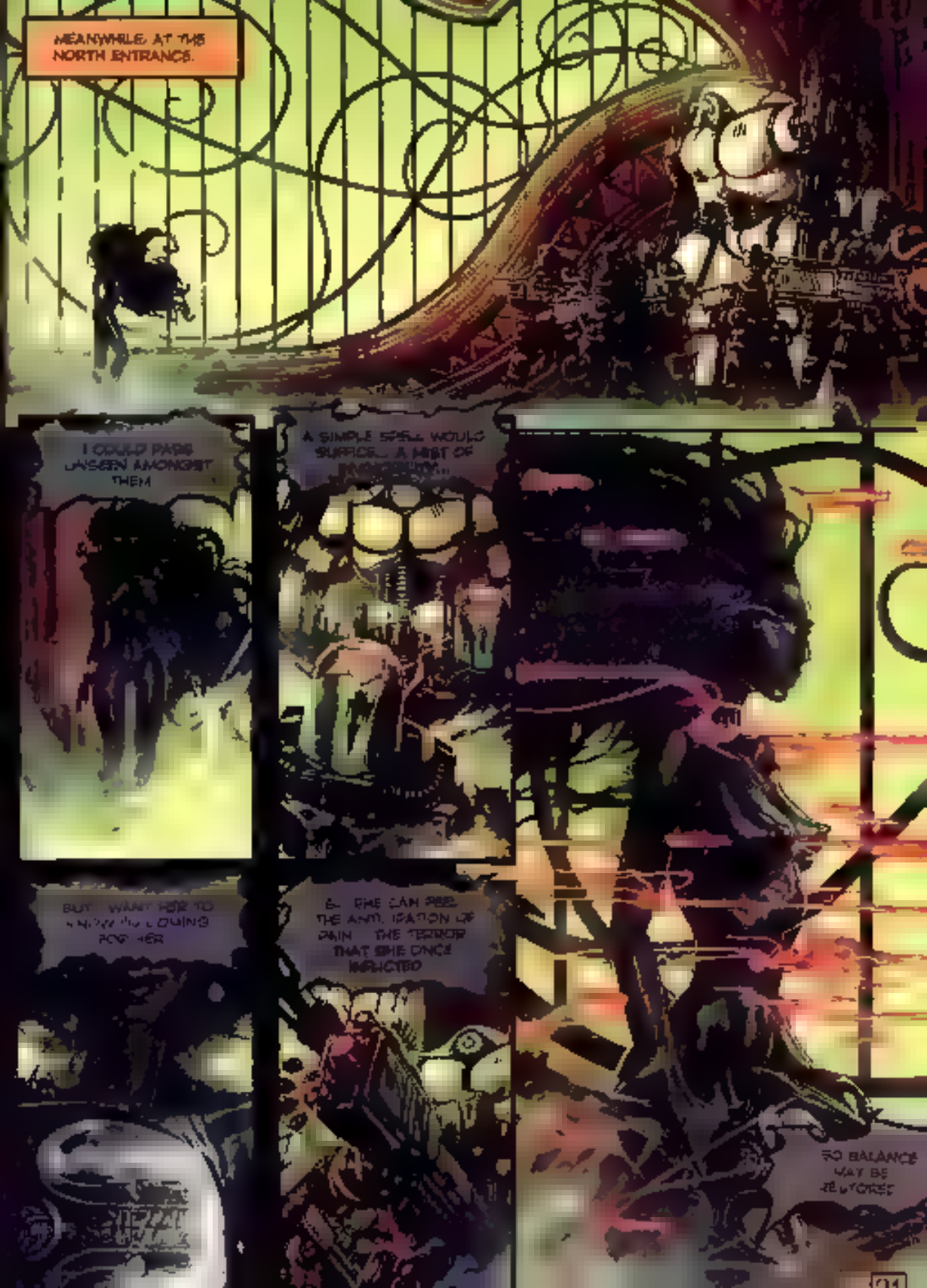
SHE POSSESSED YOU THERE FOR A MOMENT
YEAH... BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT POOR GIRL IT WAS LONG AGO
YOUR IDEA OF TIME IS RIDICULOUS THERE IS NO PAST OR PRESENT
WE LIVE JUST ONE LIFE
YOU?
LARA REACHED OUT ACROSS THE TO SPEAK TO YOU DON'T DENY HER NOW
YOU'VE BEEN A TOUR MOUSE CURLED UP YOUR NEXT GAME FRO THE REAL WORLD
NOW IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP MY DEAR AND FACE ETERNITY
...ETH TAKE HER
YOUR EFFORTS ARE POINTLESS
I AM GHA- THE SHADOW ONE

AND NO MORTAL MAY STOP ME...
HAVE THERE LIVES TO TAKE. FOUR LADIES & MOTHER OR FATHER AND BABY
NO
AND ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS.
ENJOY THE HUNT
LAUGH AT THE POETRY OF REVENGE LAUGH AT THEIR TERROR AND FEAR OF PAIN LAUGH AT THE JOKE OF IT ALL THE JOY OF LIFE THE JAWS OF DEATH
UNTIL THAT COLD MOMENT WHEN THE LAUGHTER HAS TO STOP

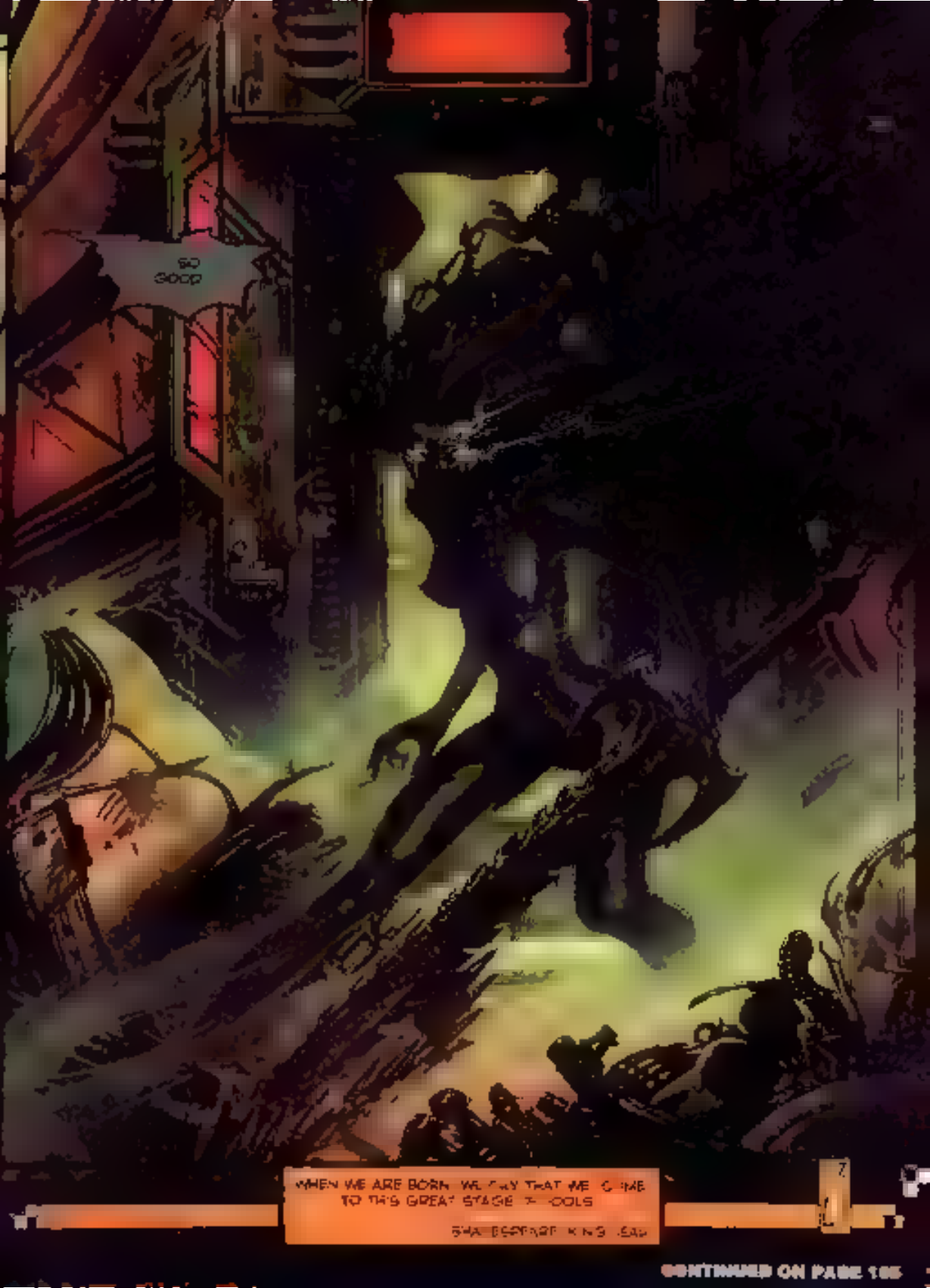
NEW EDEN'S HIGH SOCIETY HURRIED TO THE NEPTUNUS BUILDING. NOBODY WOULD HAVE MISSED MADAM MESSONNE IN HER MOST FAMOUS OPERA SERAPHIM
THE GUEST
INC OTHER THAN PRES. JE
JOHN SMITH XXIX. THE FIRS
B JOHN SMITHS HAVING M
ARIOUS FORMS OF VOLEN
DEATH. THE NEXT HAD
SPATTERED ITS ELITE
NEW AND LOVE
THE NORTH
ENTRANCE
MAKES
MESSONNE MUST
DIE!
THINGS WILL
THE PRESIDENT


DESPITE THE BOMB THREAT FROM SULFURA THE USUAL STUFF
DEMANDING WE RELEASE THE PRISONERS BEFORE THE REDEMPTION SHOW?
BUT WE'D BETTER HAVE ONE MORE LOOK AROUND INSIDE
I HEARD WHAT THA SAID SOMEHOW WE'RE INVOLVED IN A GAME O HATE THAT'S BEYOND
THE WORLD'S A STAGE AND WE'RE JUST ACTORS ON
OKAY OKAY KNOW I'M
DON'T TAKE IT ALL SE RIOUSLY REMEMBER SHAKESPEARE'S ADVICE

BUT IT'S STILL MY STAGE MY ROLE MY JOB
THIS JOB IS ALL I'VE GOT
MAYBE IT'S ALL I AM
BUT SCREAMING MADNESS


MEANWHILE, AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE.
I COULD PASS UNSEEN AMONGST THEM
A SIMPLE SPELL WOULD SUFFICE... A MIST OF
BUT... WANT HER TO
&... SHE CAN FEEL THE ANNIHILATION OF PAIN... THE TERROR THAT SHE ONCE INFLICTED
SO BALANCE MAY BE RESTORED

AND... I PREFER THIS WAY...
IT'S TOTALLY UNNECESSARY
PURE INDULGENCE
COMPLETELY GRATUITOUS
AND IT FEELS



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LET US WELCOME THE FIRST AND THE LAST THE HONORED ONE AND THE SCORNED ONE
CHAPTER 4
INFERNO
THE BARREN ISLE
HE MURDERED MY FATHER HE RAPED MY MOTHER AND
I AM HERE TO SEE REMEMBRANCE OF THE WORD WHOSE UNDERSTANDING IS MAGNIFICENT
SHE'S KNOWLEDGE IS AN ENDURANCE SHE IS SMART SHE'S BOLDNESS
AFRAID NOT

SHE IS
OMNI PERFECTION.

SHE NEED TO ME
AM THE ONE WHO
DISGRACED AND
GREAT ONE.
AM THE WISDOM OF THE
GREEKS. AND THE VAL
EDGE OF THE BARBARIANS
AND THE ONE WHO
HAS NO IMAGE
AMONG THE
BARBARIANS

I AM THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN HATED EVERYWHERE AND WHO HAS BEEN LOVED EVERYWHERE
I AM THE ONE WHOM THEY CALL LIFE AND YOU HAVE CALLED
KABO
AER THERE

WHERE THE HELL ARE HIS BODYGUARDS
SOMEBODY HELP US
STAY DOWN MR PRESIDENT!
BAM
TOW
TOW
TOW
TOW

ATTENTION !!!
AU NOM
KA-TOW

WHAT IS IT?
PROPERTY OF THE NEED TYPICAL BLOODY TYPICAL
OUR OWN SIDE SENT IN A BOMB TO KILL THE PRESIDENT SO THEY CAN BLAME IT ON SURURA OR ONE OF THE OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS AND JUSTIFY MARTIAL LAW
WHY DO WE TAKE THIS JOB, DUFFY?
S-TIK!
I DON'T KNOW
LET'S FIND O
LET'S FIND

DO YOU COME TO KILL ME?
THAT WOULD BE DOING ME A FAVOR, WOULDN'T IT?
I'M AFRAID SO
I'M SCARED SO SCARED
SO WAS SHE WHEN THEY CUT OFF HER BREASTS
SHE WAS ONLY SIXTEEN

SHE DOESN'T KNOW YET THAT I WAS DOMINIQUE ?
NO
COULD SEE IT IN HER FACE
SHE HAS NO IDEA WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON
HOPED THAT BY SAVING HER FROM [illegible] WORSE BY A [illegible] OF HERE
BUT SHE'S START INGS TO REALIZE I'M BREAKING IT TO HER AS GENT AS I CAN
I'M SORRY WITCHES NEVER FORGIVE
[illegible] WAYS MEAN [illegible]
[illegible] NEVER [illegible] FRIENDS NEVER WITHIN THE CIRCLE
THAT'S WHY THE WORST PUNISHMENT WAS RESERVED FOR YOU
MUTILATION
REFLECT ON IT AS YOU FACE A SLOW LINGER ING PAINFUL DEATH

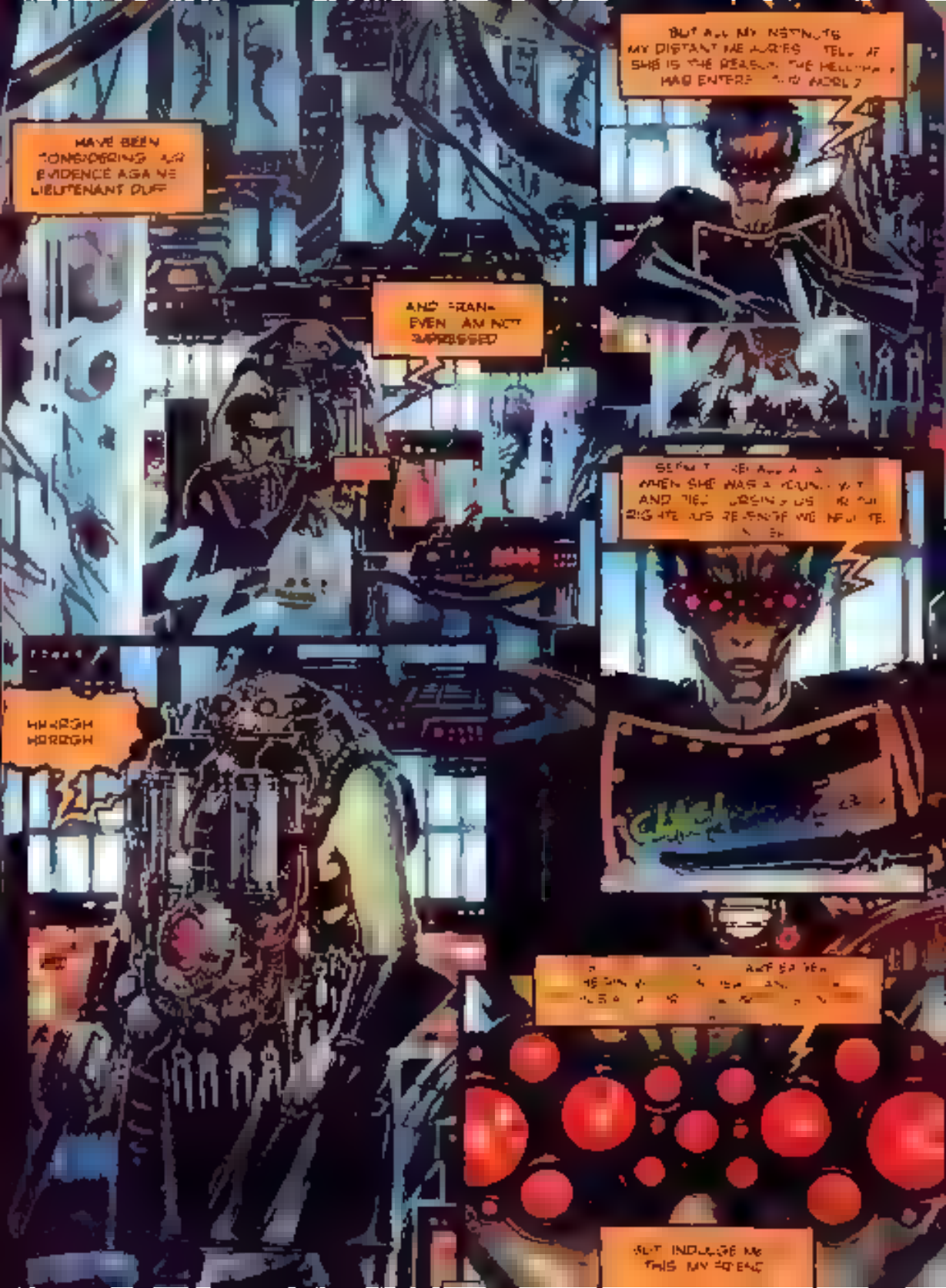
FORGIVES
WE WANT BLOOD FROM THOSE WE HAVE LOVED
WE HAVE A HIDDEN
THE BLOOD UNITY ARISES FOR VENGEANCE
LIEUTENANT TO SHA
THE BLOOD

AAAHHH!
AAAHHH!
NOOO! HAVE MERCY!

AAAURAGH!
KOCO!

NOW, PUFFY... AS YOUR WEAPONS LIGHT THE SKY... THINK BACK TO THE LAST TIME YOU SAW SUCH LIGHTS
THAT'S
THEN... AS YOU PASS A BEND IN THE RIVER YOU SEE IT
THE STAKE

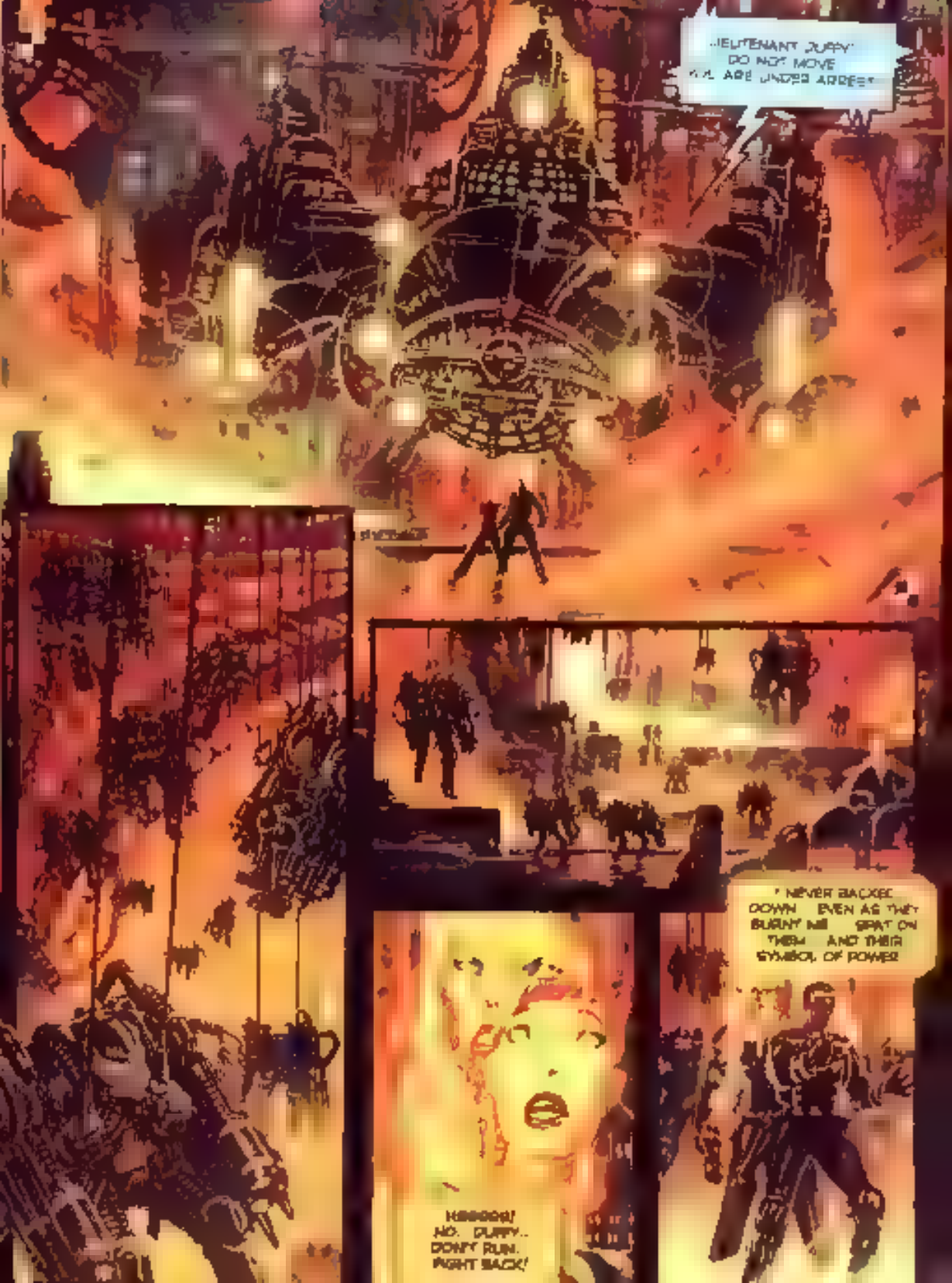
NO! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE IT'S TOO HORRIBLE!
IT'S WHAT HAPPENED
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME? IT'S NOT REAL IT'S A DELUSION
S WHY Y
TO COME BACK AS A LAW OFFICER BECAUSE OF SUFFERING SUCH INJUSTICE
THAT WASN'T ME SHE'S NOT ME SHE'S NOT ME
WE ONLY HAVE ONE LIFE, JUDDY WHICH FLOWS LIKE A RIVER THROUGH ETERNITY
EACH NEW BODY WE TAKE IS SIMPLY A NEW DIRECTION FOR US
ANOTHER BEND IN THE RIVER.
LARA


BUT ALL MY INSTINCTS
MY DISTANT MEMORIES TELL ME
SHE IS THE REASON THE HELLSPAWN
HAS ENTERED OUR WORLD
HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERING ALL
EVIDENCE AGAINST
LIEUTENANT DUFF
AND FRANKLY
EVEN I AM NOT
IMPRESSED
SERGEANT DE ANGELO
WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNGSTER
AND THEY BROUGHT US TO OUR
KNEES AS RESPECTED MEMBERS
HRRRGH
HRRRGH
BUT INDULGE ME
THIS MY FRIEND

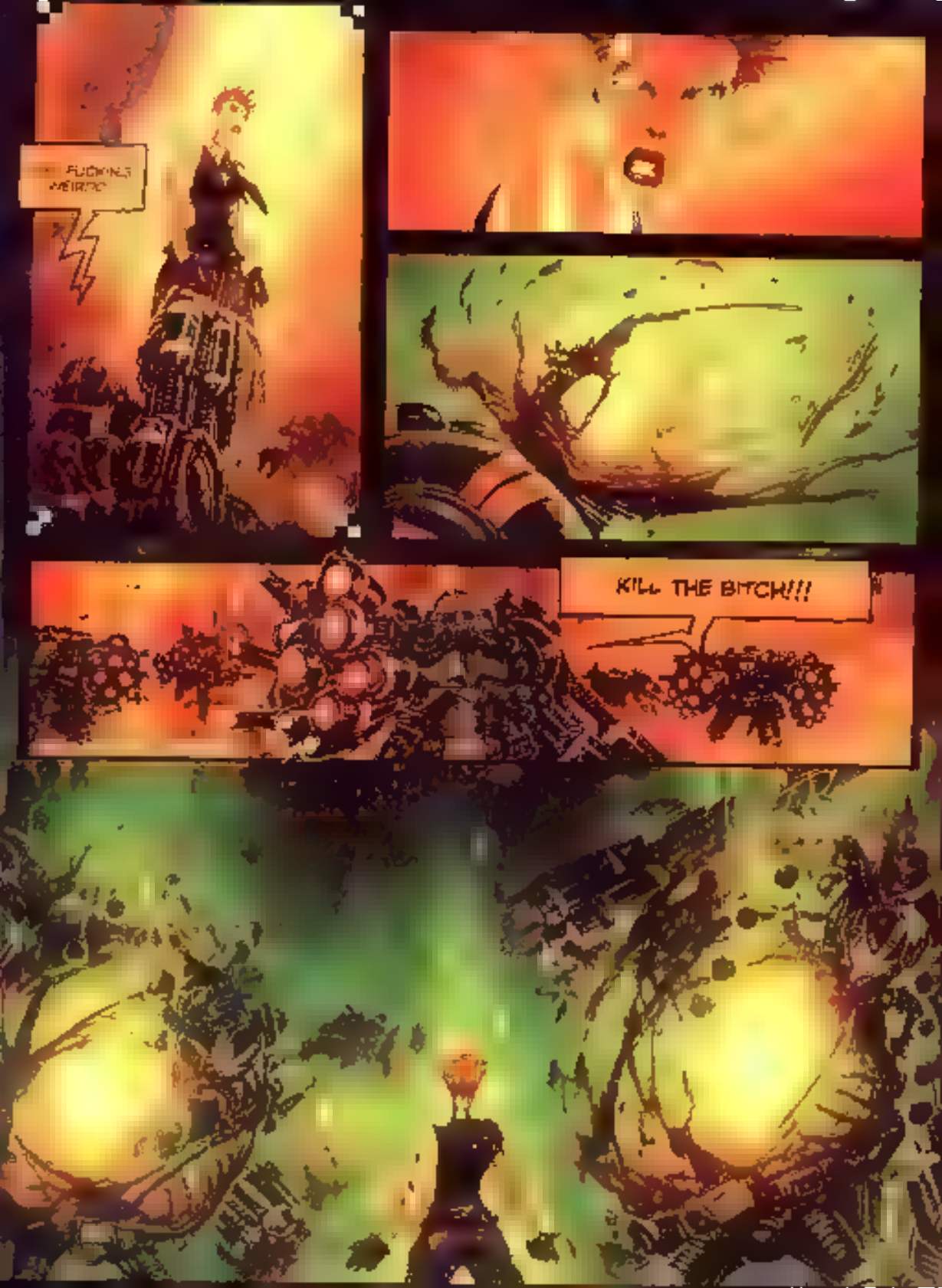
OR SUPPOSING IT IS A FALSE MEMORY ? AFTER ALL MEMORY AND IMAGINATION RUN ON THE SAME CIRCUIT IN OUR MINDS
SUPPOSING I AM UNFAIRLY ACCUSING ONE OF MY BRIGHTEST YOUNG OFFICERS ?
WITH GUILT KNOWING HAD SUBJECTED A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN TO THE MOST DISGUSTING THE MOST DEGRADING TORTURES
WHEN ALL THE TIME SHE WAS INNOCENT ?
IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE A TRAGEDY
HAAA HAAA HAAA
ARREST LIEUTENANT DUPPY

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
AND CAN'T EXPLAIN
BUT IT FITS
IT ALL FITS
YOU KNOW?
OH GOD
BASTARDS

AGAIN
WHY ? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
LIKE THE WAY THEY SLOW ROASTED JC
DO YOU LIKE THE WAY I'M SLOW ROASTING MESSONNE, DUFFY ? LETTING HER DIE JUST A LITTLE BIT AT A TIME.
THE BITCH IS DYING OF CANCER, YOU KNOW? THEY'RE GOING TO CUT HER UP. JUST LIKE THEY CUT JC UP
CERTAINLY HOPE SO! STOP SHOWING ANY PITY FOR THE FAT COW. SHE DESERVES HER PAIN
YES HA, HA, HA! AH, DUFFY. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I ENJOYED SAVORING HER MISERY BEHIND YOUR COMPASSIONATE MASK!
NO- NOT A COW. THE COW IS A SYMBOL OF THE GODDESS I LOVE
SHE'S STILL A WOMAN FACING CRUEL SURGERY
GET OUT OF MY HEAD GET OUT YOU'RE EV.


...LIEUTENANT DUFFY! DO NOT MOVE YOU ARE UNDER ARREST
I NEVER BACKED DOWN EVEN AS THEY BURNT ME SPAT ON THEM AND THEIR SYMBOL OF POWER
NOOOOO! NO, DUFFY.. DON'T RUN. FIGHT BACK!

YOU HAVE THE POWER OF A WITCH WITHIN YOUR BODY USE IT TO FIGHT
THE POWER OF YOUR MENSTRUAL BLOOD
YOU HAVE THE POWER
THE POWER OF THE EVIL EYE.


KILL THE BITCH!!!

SHE
WHAT HAVE DONE?
KILL THE WITCH!
WAIT!
I WANT HER ALIVE!
KILL THE WITCH!!!
AT EASE MEN AT EASE
YOU HAVE BEEN BUSY
WELL WELL WELL WHAT A LOT OF GRAVY
SO LADY YOU BE FIVE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE WE LAST ME P

WHY DON'T WE
WHERE WE LEFT
MY PRESENT PERSONALITY IS THE RESULT OF MY LOST PERSONALITIES. WE WOULD UNDERSTAND MANY THINGS IF WE KNEW OUR REAL GENEALOGY.
GUSTAVE FLAUBERT

I WAS FEELING GOOD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DISASTER SURROUNDING CLARA'S DEATH.

IT'S PLAY TIME!

OKAY!

IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE I WAS HAPPY TO BE SHARING THE BIZARRE EXPERIENCE OF ENTERING THE WORLD OF THE REAL GAME WITH

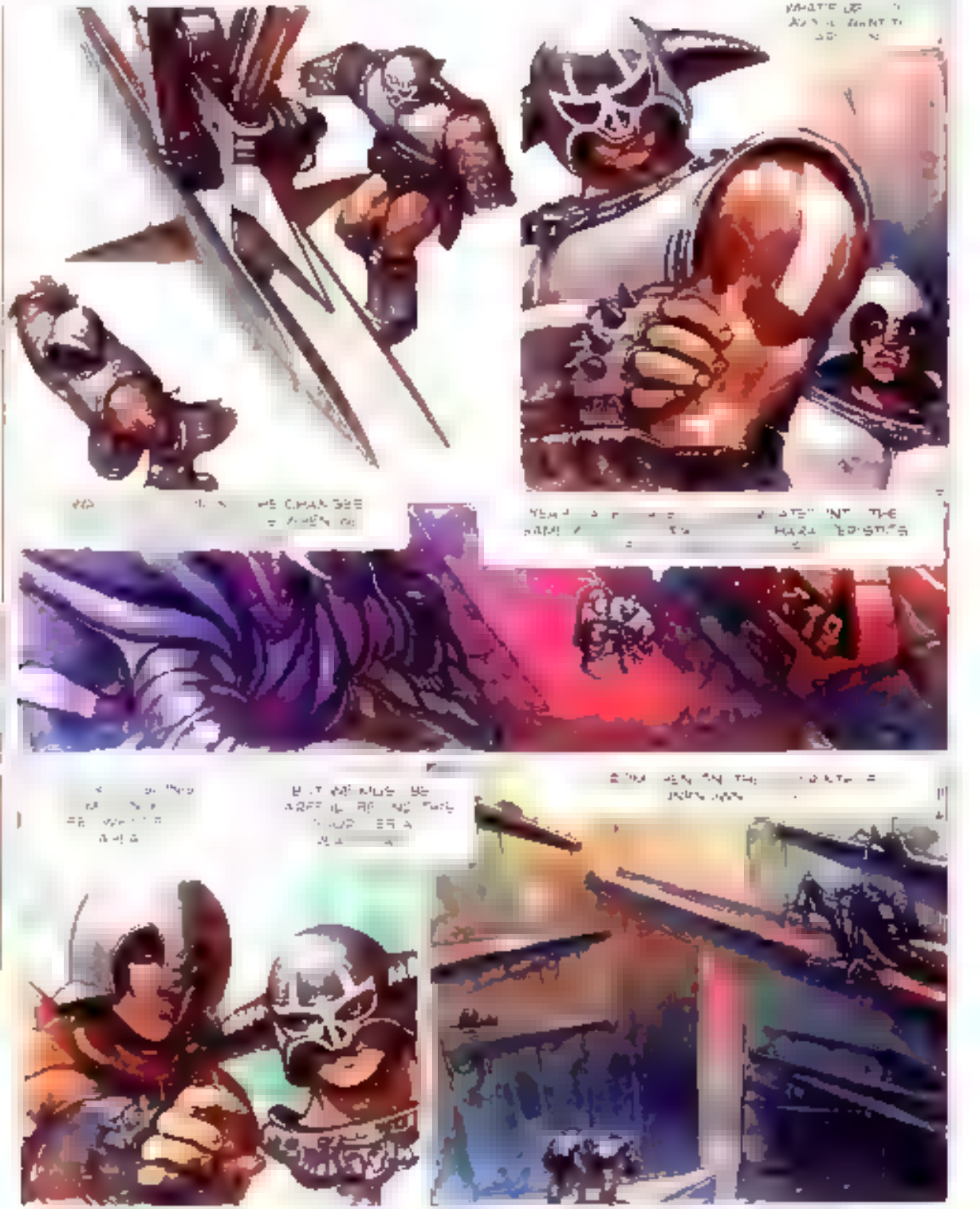
CHOOSE YOUR GAME

THIS TIME AROUND RAF KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT. I FELT LIKE AN OLD HAND. BUT IT WAS SO...

FOR SOME INEXPLICABLE REASON, LORENZO WASN'T IN THE GAME.

THEN A BIG BOSS MIGHT PLAY THE GAME AND THE OUTCOME WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT.

WE COULD PUMP IRON FOR YEARS AND WE'D NEVER GET MUSCLES LIKE THESE



CHOOSING A SAFE PASSAGE WASN'T EASY
FIGHTING THE MONSTERS WASN'T EASY
BUT AS A BRAND-NEW ATHLETIC BUTT-KICKER WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND

REAL Z N.V. T WAS IN DANGER
RAS'S PIERCING CRY SAVED MY LIFE
BUT HE LOST HIS RIGHT ARM
HAAA!!
WITH HIS LAST PITU FIRE
THOUSAND POINTS AND
BUT HIS REINCARNATION SOON
EMERGED INSIDE A COCOON-LIKE BUBBLE
WAIT A MINUTE
I'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR TODAY. PITU! I'M GETTING OUT OF THIS SUIT
MY ARM! I'VE GOT A NEW ARM!

LET ME GET INSIDE THE BUBBLE FIRST... DON'T WANT TO JUMP INTO ANOTHER GAME BEFORE WE GET THE GAME
YOU'RE RIGHT
IF YOUR FRIEND CLARA PLAYED THIS GAME SHE MAY HAVE ENTERED HER NAME NEXT TO HER SCORE. THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST CLUE WE'VE GOT
IF CLARA WENT INTO A COMA AFTER BEATING ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS IN THE GAME
WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT GAME SHE WAS PLAYING IN ORDER TO HELP HER
SO YOU AGREE WITH THE THEORY THAT HER COMATOSE STATE IS SOMEHOW RELATED TO A BIZARRE PHENOMENON IN THIS AMAZING VIRTUAL-REALITY GAME?
THESE PROGRAMS ARE SO REALISTIC IT'S CONCEIVABLE THAT A PLAYER COULD SIMULATE HIS OR HER OWN DEATH BY ENTERING A COMA
NOW THAT WE HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE GAME, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING TO CLARA

IT'S INCREDIBLE. TAKE A LOOK AT MY ARM!
AND IT'S NOT JUST MY ARM. ONLY A MINUTE AGO I WAS BLEEDING TO DEATH... AND SO WERE YOU. YOU WERE BEING CLAWED TO PIECES... AND HERE WE ARE, COMPLETELY REGENERATED AND IN PERFECT SHAPE.
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEARCH IN THE SOFTWARE FOR A WAY TO EDITING OUT THE GAME DEATH.
IN OTHER WORDS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HACK INTO THE PROGRAM AND ADD THE OPTION TO REMOVE DEATH!
WASN'T WHILE SHE PLAYED "LABERINTO."
GAMES AND PLAY THEM FOR A BIT, BUT TAKING TOO MANY CHANCES
IT'S SPECIAL NOW.
OKAY

SO THAT'S
SURE! MAY NOT HAVE TO WORK BUT AN AME BACK THIS AFTERNOON
OKAY ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH THE REVIEWS WE CAN CONCENTRATE FULLY ON
THE AFTERNOON BECAME THE DAY OF
I WAS SO TIRED THAT DIDN'T EVEN STUDY FOR MY HISTORY TEST OR ANYTHING ELSE
DON'T YOU WANT ANY DINNER?
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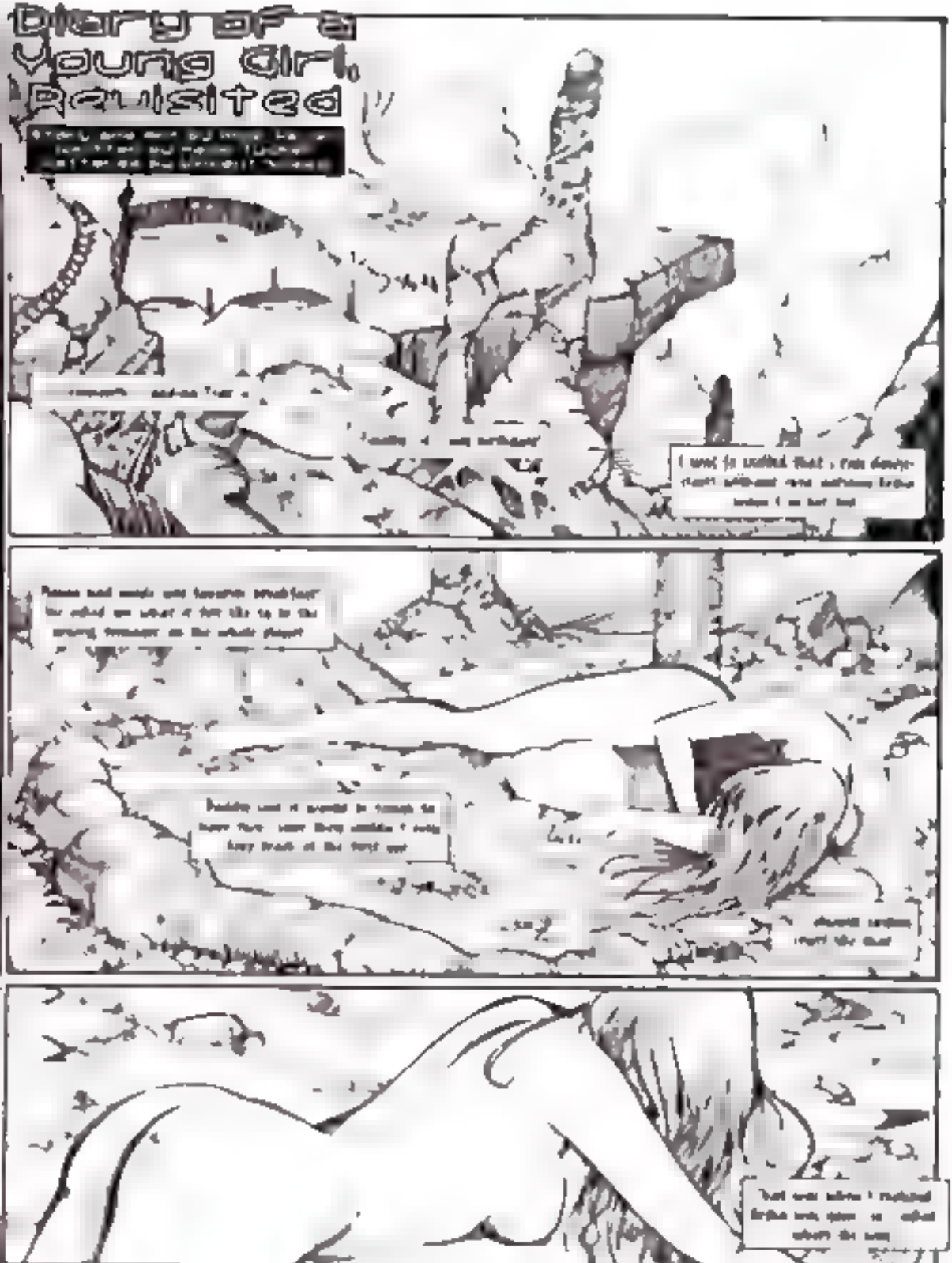
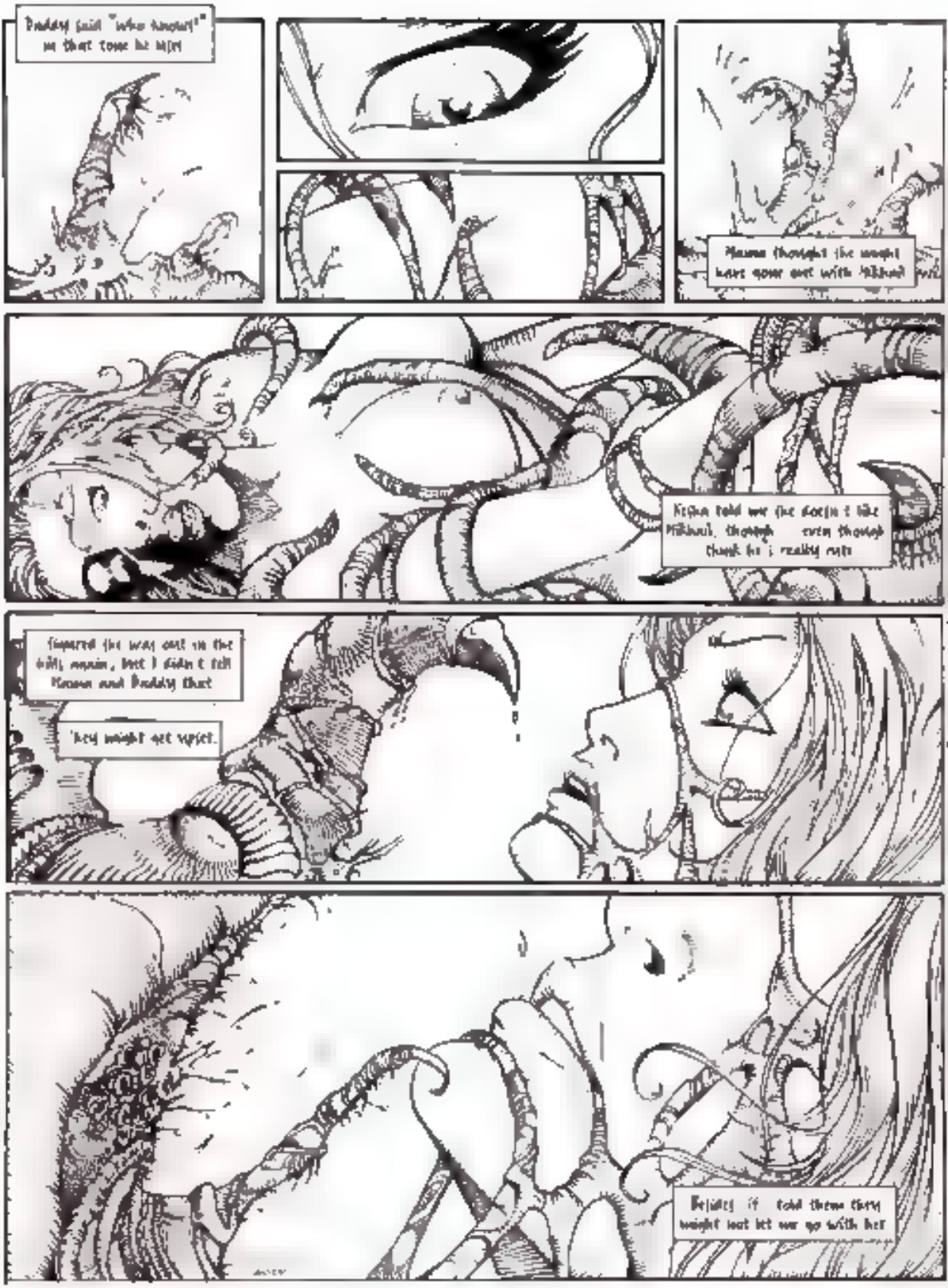
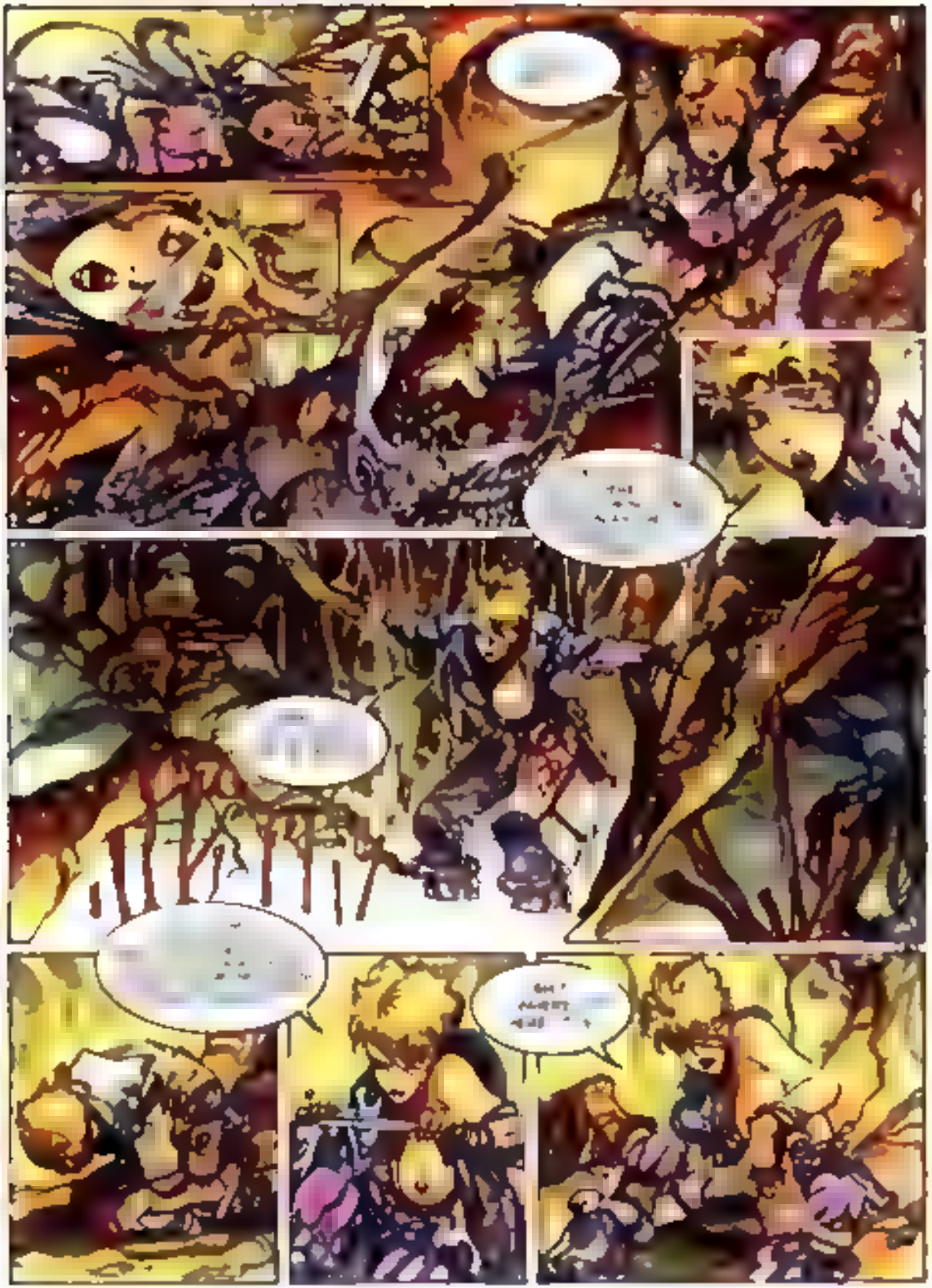

Diary of a Young Girl, Revisited


Daddy said "who knows!" in that tone he uses
Mama thought the weight must come out with Mikhail
Nisha told me she didn't like Mikhail, though even though I think he's really cute
figured the way out in the end, anyway, but I didn't tell Mama and Daddy that
they might get upset.
Briefly it told them they might not let me go with her

The Explorers say we shouldn't go too far outside the settlement because we still don't know what could be out there.
That sounds silly, because we've been here for almost 10 years and haven't seen anything but rocks and twisty little plants.
And I know lots of the big kids go out in the hills.
Esther told me that when you get out of sight of the settlement you feel like you're the only person in the whole world

That sounds kind of scary to me, but the knight it's not
She better be on her way back now, or else she'll ruin my party.
I can already almost taste the cake!
We gave Kisha with words it that I never let me down.
I can't wait!
end

DAMN. THE ENGINE'S SPUTTERING
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF THE ENGINE'S OVER ON ME!
WE'RE GOING DOWN YOU'D BETTER BAIL OUT

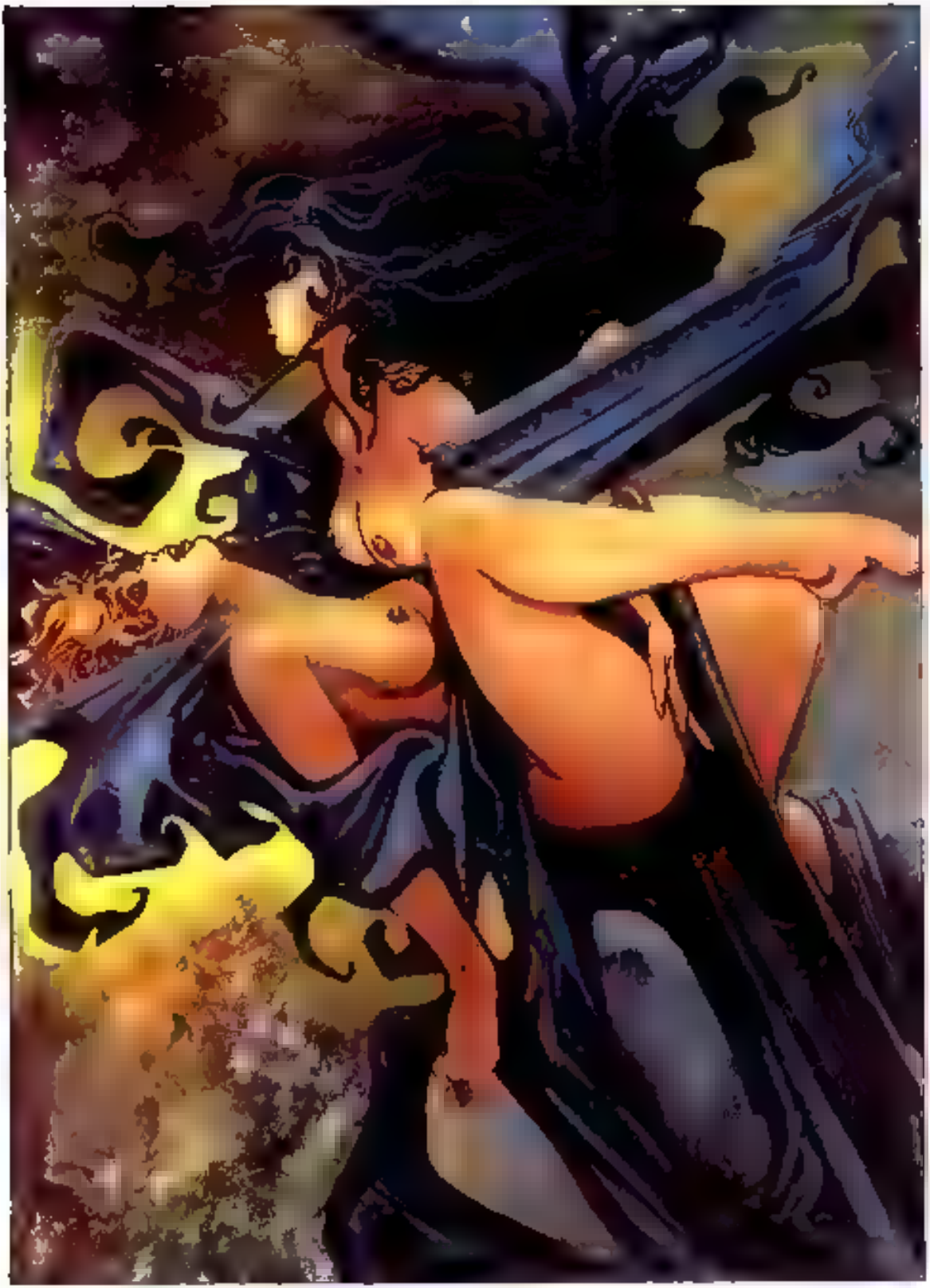


LET'S GET OUTTA HERE! AAAHHHH!!
USE THE RADIO TO CALL FOR HELP! IF WE DON'T GET HELP WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS HELL ALIVE!

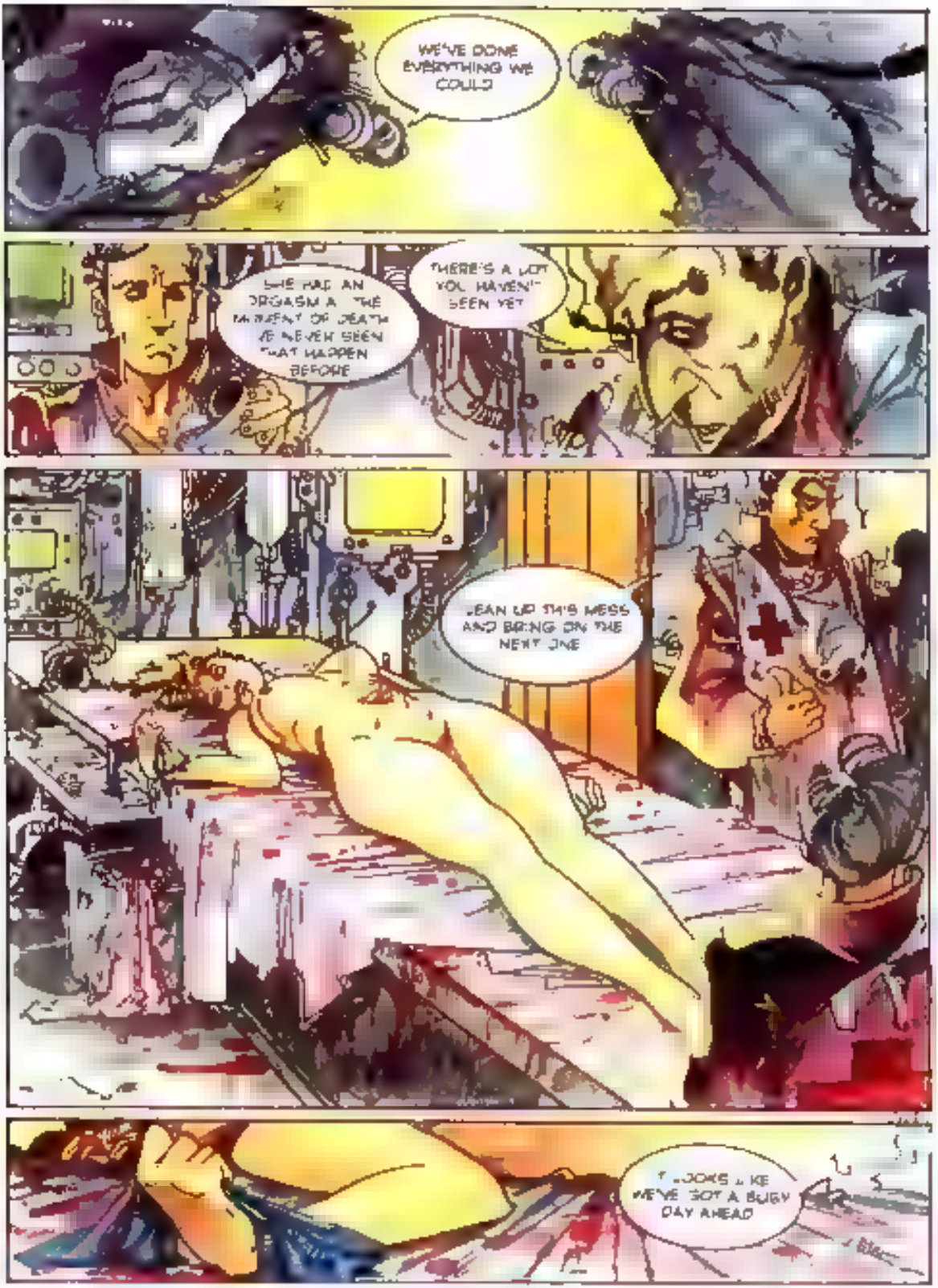
WHY ARE YOU SCREAMING?
I'M REAL
YOU'RE A HALLUCINATION GET AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
I WAS DRAWN HERE BY THE DIN OF BATTLE AND I FOUND YOU I CAN HEAL YOUR WOUNDS AND RELIEVE PAIN AND DESPAIR
LEAVE ME AAHH THE PAIN HAS COME BACK
I'LL HELP YOU

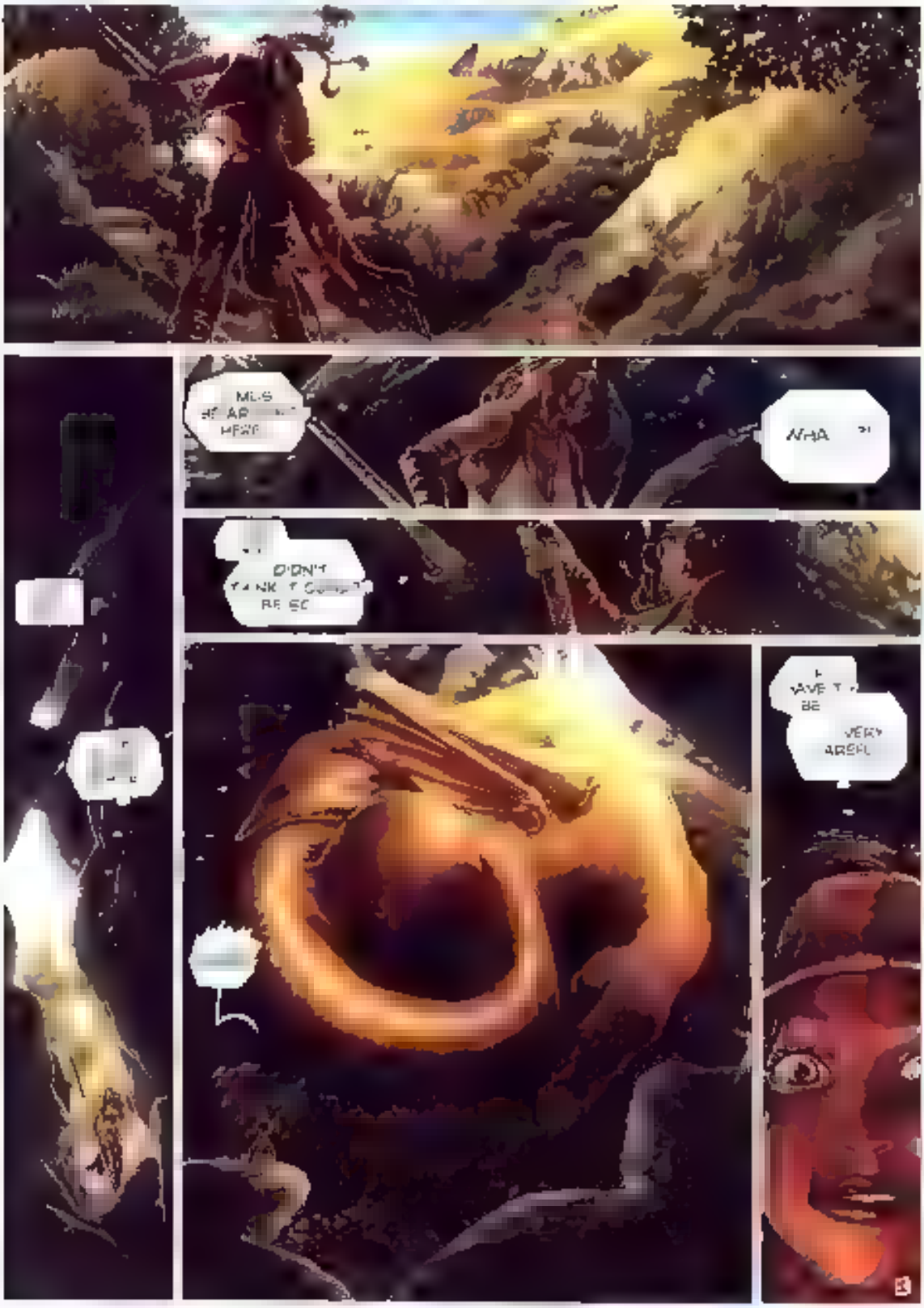
WHERE AM I?
WHAT HAPPENED? MY INJURIES HAVE DISAPPEARED AND I FEEL NO MORE PAIN
I SAID I COULD RELIEVE YOUR PAIN
WHO ARE YOU?
YOU ARE VERY LOVELY AND I'VE BEEN ALONE FOR TOO LONG SOMETIMES I NEED HUMAN WARMTH TO KEEP ON
YOUR HANDS ARE COLD
YOU ARE WARM AND SOFT I SHOULDN'T BE HERE

I'M NOT AFRAID I FEEL PROTECTED WHEN YOU HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS
STOP TREMBLING YOU SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF ME
I KNOW



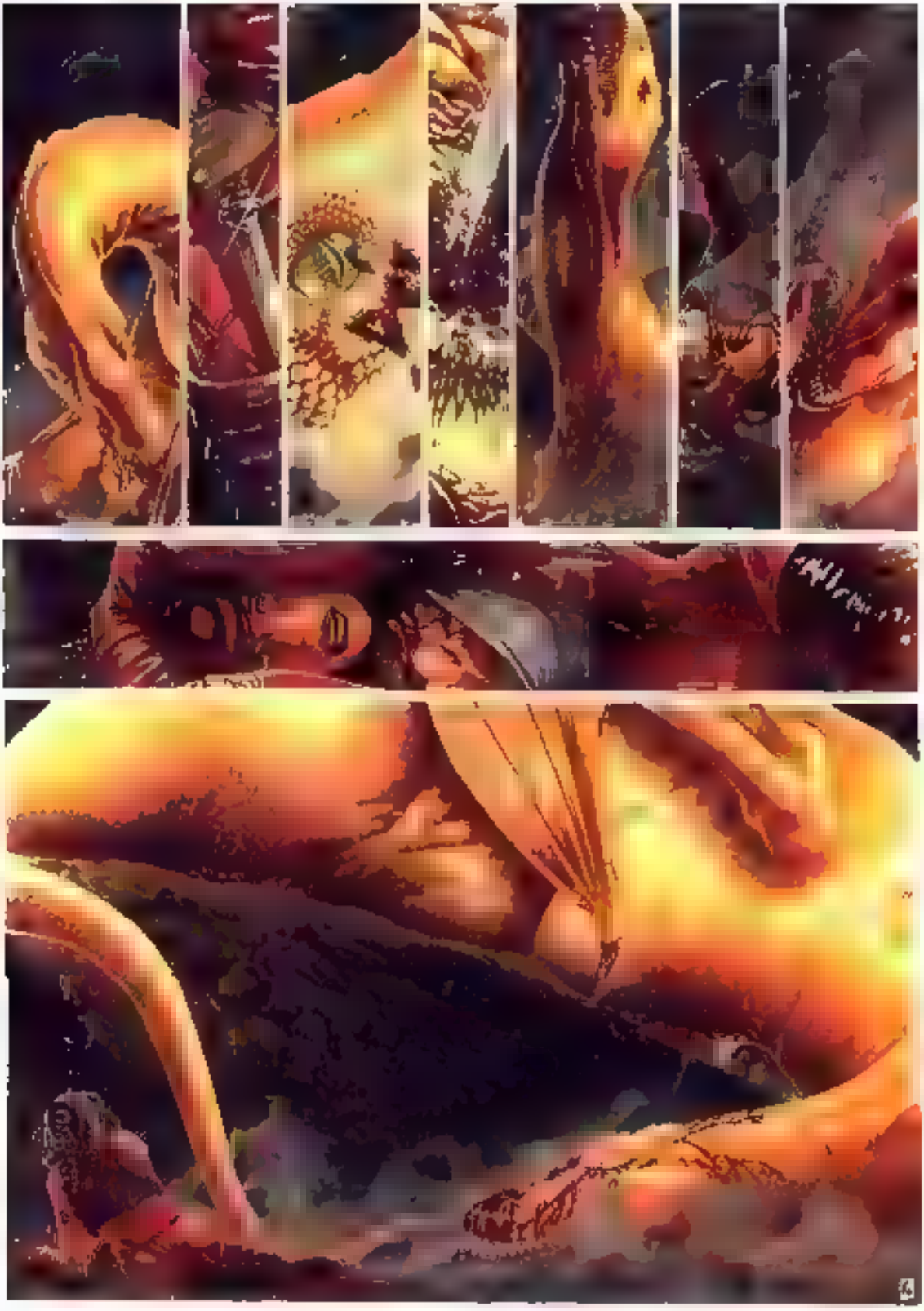
I CAN FEEL YOUR WARMTH YOU ARE MINE
YOU WILL NEVER FEEL PAIN AGAIN
YEEEEES
IT'S NO USE WE'VE LOST HER


WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD
SHE HAD AN ORGASM AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT HAPPEN BEFORE
THERE'S A LOT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET
CLEAN UP THIS MESS AND BRING ON THE NEXT ONE
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A BUSY DAY AHEAD

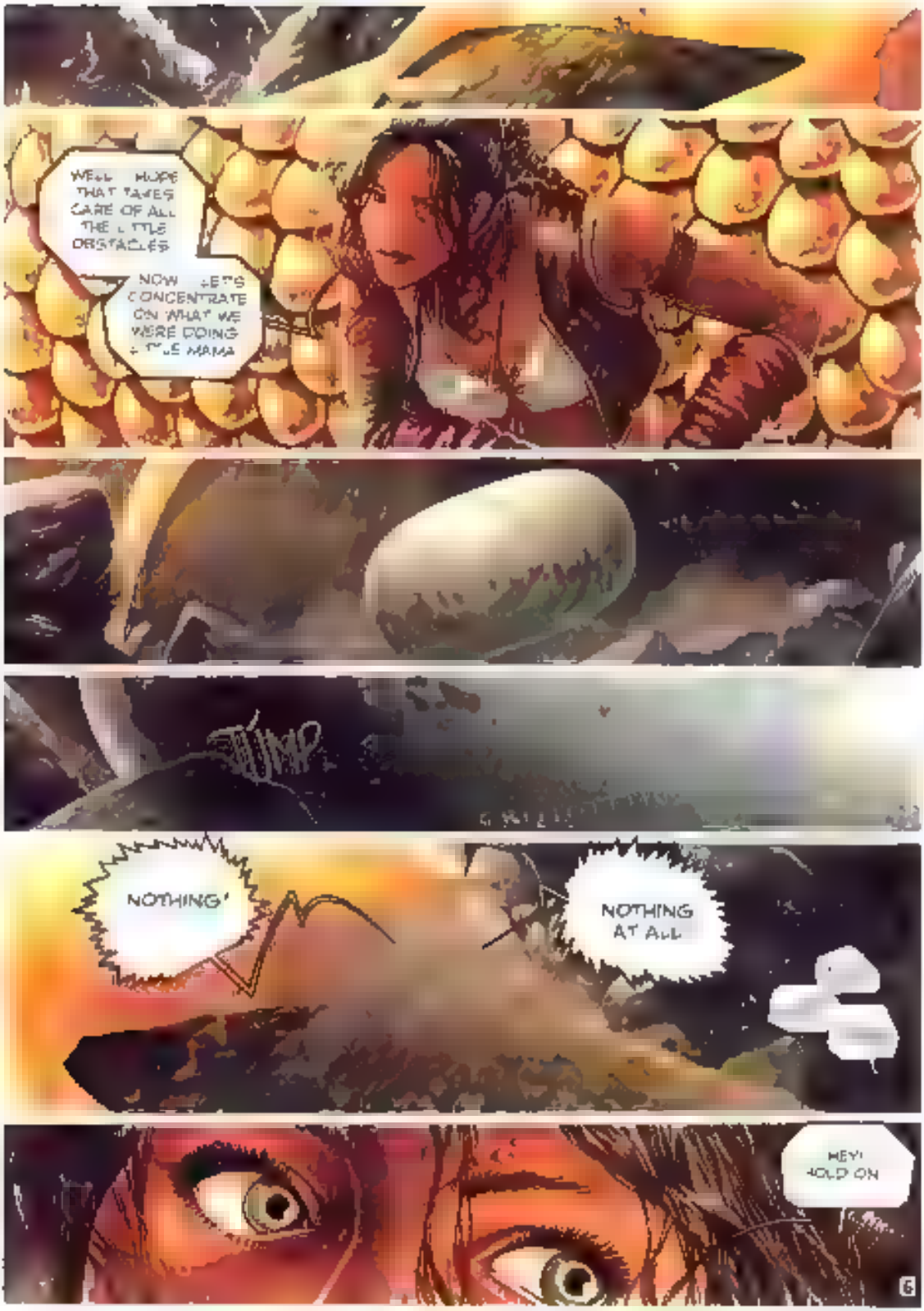

WHA
DIDN'T
VERY
AREFL

MUSTN'T WAKE
OR I'LL WAKE
THE BEAST
PLEASE LET ME FIND THE RIGHT
MUST STRIKE NOW
WITH ALL MY STRENGTH
FFFLLLCH

KHAHAH
STAND
OH
NOOO

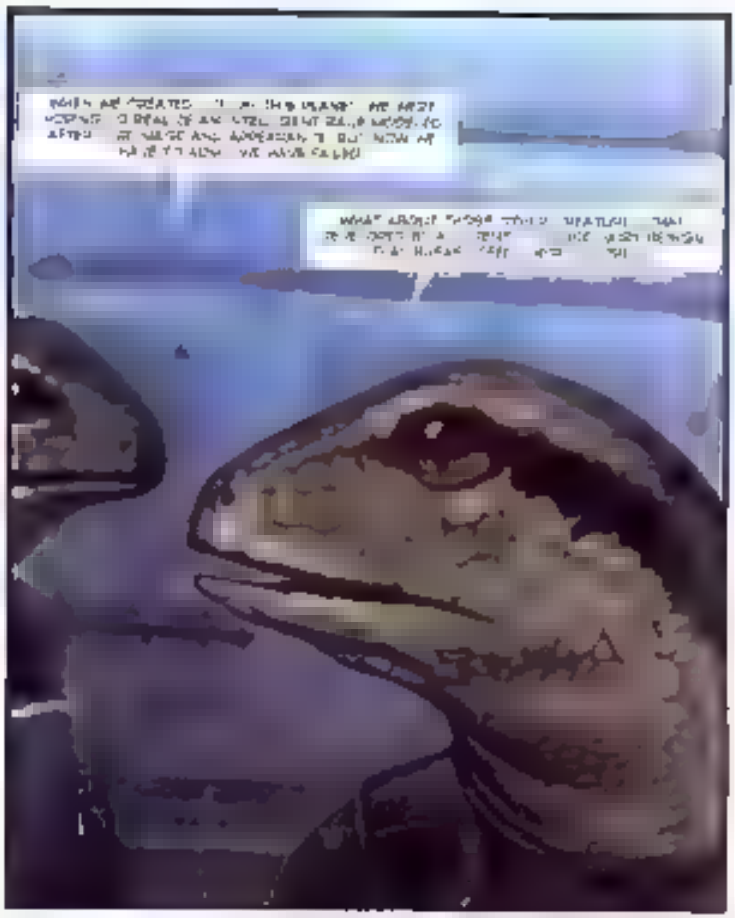


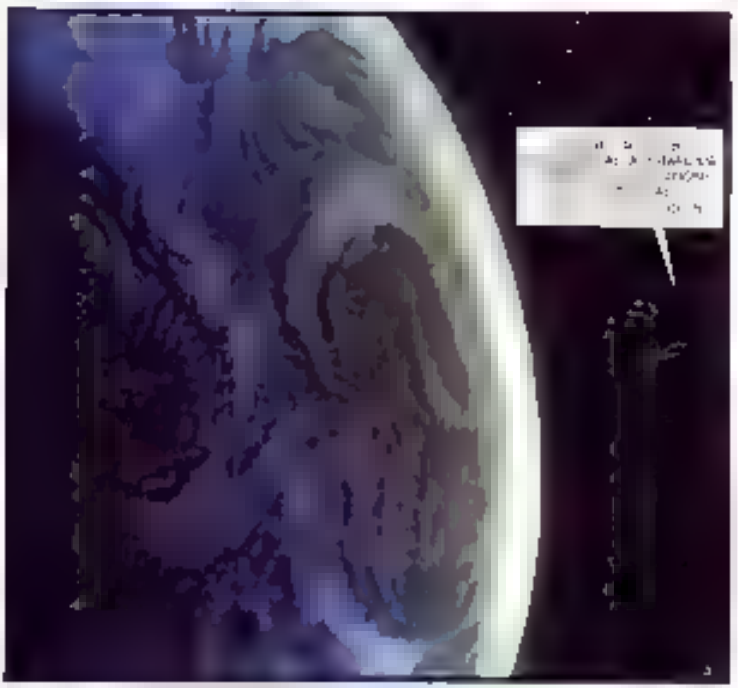
I'VE GOTTA GET RID OF
OH, MY GOD! I'VE JUST KILLED
A BROODING FEMALE DRAGON
WHAT'S THAT DOING HERE?


WELL HOPE THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL THE LITTLE OBSTACLES
NOW LET'S CONCENTRATE ON WHAT WE WERE DOING + TUE MAMA
JUMP
NOTHING!
NOTHING AT ALL
HEY! HOLD ON
6

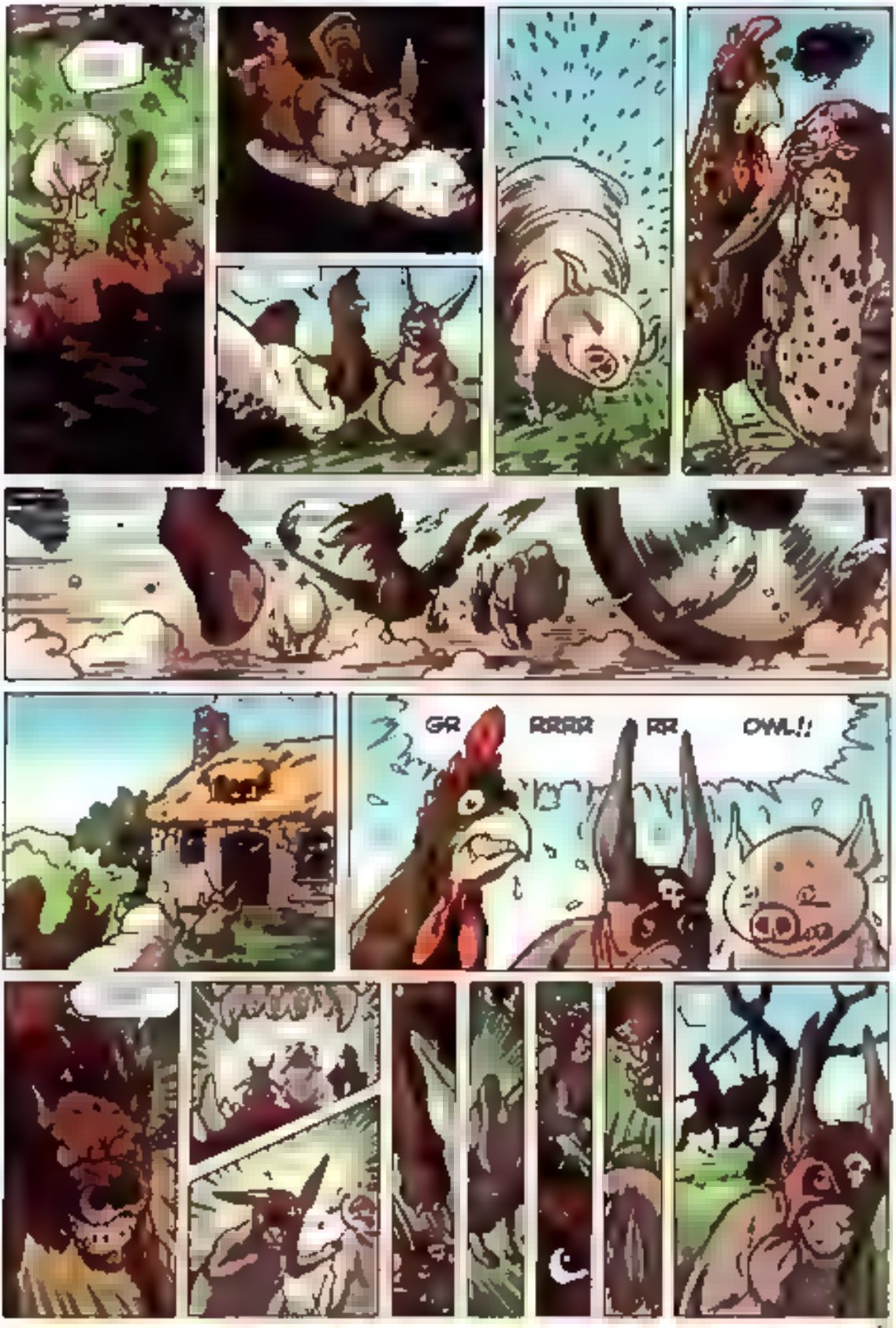
AAAHHH!!!
SORRY LITTLE ONE
BUT
7

ENCOUNTERS:





WE DON'T NEED ANIMAL HEROES!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RRRR
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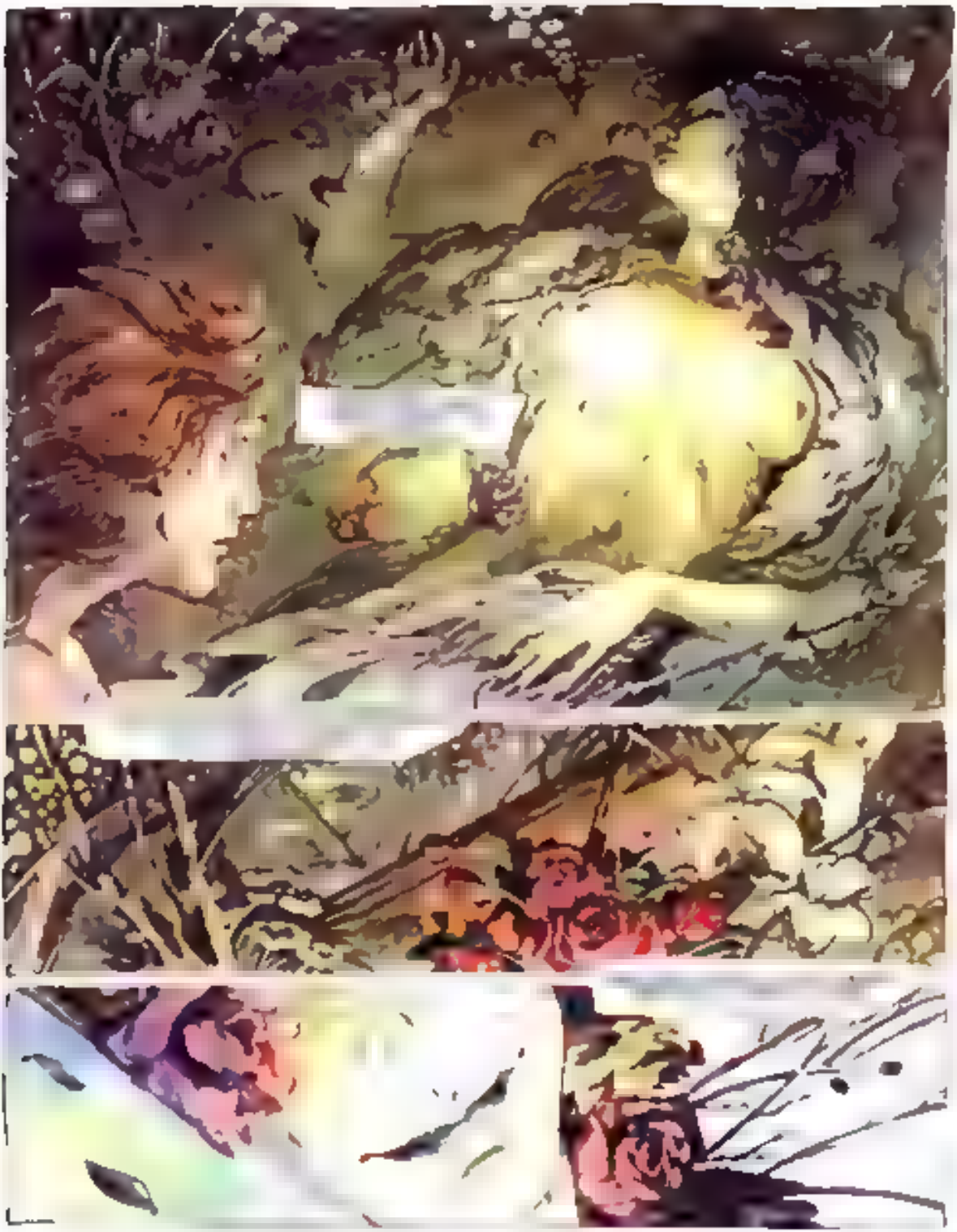
OWL!!

THEY COME STRAIGHT TO US FOR THE SLAUGHTER. CAN'T BELIEVE
WHAT A FEAST ENJOY FOLKS! ENJOY
LUNCH
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD DINNER AFTER A NICE SEASIDE DAY FULL OF BLOOD AND THUNDER

DECADENCE



AND THAT RUBY, SO BLEEDING AND SO COLD...
... IS JESUS CHRIST'S LAST WOUND ON THE CROSS.

WE WILL HAVE BEDS FILLED WITH SOFT PERFUMES
WE WILL HAVE DEEP DIVANS AS TOMBS, AND THE RACKS WILL BE FILLED WITH STRANGE FLOWERS
BLOSSOMING FOR US IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SKIES

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